

# WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 1 p.m. Friday.  
Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong easterly and southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.  
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, fresh to strong on the Gulf, unsettled and mild, with rain.

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# WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Pantages—Vaudville.  
Dominion—“The Spy.”  
Royal—Marguerite Clark.  
Variety—“The World For Sale.”

FOURTEEN PAGES

## BOARD OF INQUIRY REGARDING SHIPYARD WAGES DISPUTE OPENS

**Preliminary Sitting Is Chiefly Concerned With Production As Exhibits of Various Documents Relating to Subject of Agreement Asked Last October**

The opening session, this morning, of the Board of Inquiry, in connection with the shipyard dispute devoted itself practically entirely to receiving various documents as exhibits, forty-one being handed in between the commencement and the lunch adjournment. Mr. Justice Murphy is chairman of the Board, and with him is associated John H. Tonkin, of Victoria, and Gordon J. Kelly, president of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, as the other two Commissioners, the sitting being held in the Appeal Court at the Court House, where, this morning, there was a considerable attendance of representatives of both local, Vancouver and other labor organizations.

The handing in of the large number of documents having relation, in one way or another, to the matter of the agreement as to increased wages, asked for by the men in October, is, of course, a formal matter of proof of various matters, which may, or may not turn out, during the course of the inquiry, to be important. In support of these documents Duncan McCallum, president of the Metal Trades Council, Vancouver, and James Dakers, local president of the organization, were the chief witnesses testifying this morning.

Mr. Justice Murphy, after stating that the proceedings of the Commission would be conducted informally, read the Commission and the official recommendations made therein to the Commissioners, adding that it was proposed to take all evidence under oath. It was not the present intention, said the chairman, to have counsel appear for either side, but if something should come up requiring the services of counsel that matter would be considered.

Should any charge be made against any person, he pointed out, then that person would be entitled by law to have counsel, but there was no charge against anyone at the present time. If, later on, it should be found necessary to have other witnesses than were present appear on one or both sides arrangements would be made to that effect.

Mr. Justice Murphy has to hear a court case in Vancouver on Saturday the Commission will not sit here on that day. As to the time the Commission will take in hearing evidence here nothing can, as yet, be said. It may, it is expected, be fought straight out without the introduction of other issues, last three or four days; on the other hand, should other issues be introduced, it may take over a week. The whole contention is over the question of a ten per cent. addition to wages for B. C. shipworkers.

The testimony. The first to give testimony were Duncan McCallum, president of the Metal Trades Council, Vancouver, and James Dakers, local president, Mr. McCallum being advised by the chairman that it would be necessary, before taking his evidence, to send for R. P. Butchart, director of wooden shipbuilding on the Coast, who was not then present. Accordingly, there was an interval until Mr. Butchart arrived. Resuming, Mr. McCallum stated that the negotiations for the ten per cent. demand started last summer. On July 21, the Board were asked for forty-five cents an hour for general laborers in the shipyards, in reply to which Mr. Butchart wrote on August 3, saying he would be willing to attend a meeting to discuss the subject, also pointing out that shipbuilding was of the utmost importance, especially at that time.

Vancouver Hotel Meeting. Next, said Mr. McCallum, a meeting took place August 15 at the Vancouver Hotel. He handed in to the chairman as an exhibit a copy of the agreement then made, after same had been formally identified by John H. Carmichael, who had attended a meeting two days earlier on the same subject which was, he said, attended by Messrs. Bishop, Cook, Hastie and one other, when rates for carpenters and shipwrights were agreed upon.

Wm. Hardy, who attended the conference on August 13 said it was arranged to side-track trouble in readiness for the second meeting, and six contractors for ships were present. It was definitely agreed by the latter, subject to the approval of Mr. Butchart—that laborers should have forty-five cents an hour up to September 31, and after October 1 it was to be fifty cents. Mr. Price, of the Cameron Genoa yard, was one of those present, with Mr. Cook, of the Lyell yards, and Mr. Bishop, of the Foundation Company. All that material was afterwards put in writing, to be signed as an agreement if approved by Mr. Butchart.

Mr. Hardy added that they understood arrangements were to be left entirely in the hands of the contractors, but they afterwards found they all had to be referred to Mr. Butchart for ratification.

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## WAR TO BE WAGED ON WHITE PLAGUE

**Practical Man, Not a Barber to Undertake Educational Campaign**

**DR. MACLEAN DEFENDS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY**

Legislative Press Gallery, March 14.

As was naturally to be supposed the major part of the Hon. J. D. MacLean's remarks on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne this afternoon had a good deal to do with his aims-in-connection with an energetic war on tuberculosis. He chose to show to the House that the criticism of some Opposition members in this particular connection was due to a sort of subconscious belief that the year 1918 was still the heyday of boom times, when the spending of a thousand dollars on this or that was of little concern. He followed the theme to the point where he reminded his friends opposite that had some of their thousands spent in jails and court houses gone in battle against the cause of their necessity a greater service would have been done. The Province, under the present day handicap, however, the Government's plan was an ambitious as finances would allow. He dealt with other matters in a quiet, unassuming, but none the less effective manner.

The Doctor's Speech.

At the outset of his remarks Dr. MacLean desired to place himself on record as fully endorsing all the nice things that had been said concerning Mrs. Smith's entrance to the Legislature, the appointment of the Speaker, and the selection of his colleague, the Hon. John Oliver, for the honorable and important position of Premier. He desired also to pay a sincere tribute to the life and service to his country of the late Hon. H. C. Brewster. Of the various perorations on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, the Minister had come to the conclusion that some were remarkable for their shallowness, some for their depth, some for their sincerity and others for their wealth of bad taste.

Nothing to Improve.

The Doctor was inclined to let himself go with the bayonet on the observations of the member for South Okanagan, who opened the debate for the Opposition. To the Minister's mind it was sadly lacking in any suggestion calculated to improve the conditions of the province, either in his own locality or elsewhere. By way of disarming Mr. Jones, the member referred to, he opined that the day had passed when a man could exist politically without a reason for his political existence, while the barometer was generally practical suggestion or useful work. Dr. MacLean confessed that Dr. Rose, the member for Nelson, had offered one or two suggestions of a more or less constructive nature, and the subjects generally were of an important nature.

Normal Schools.

Dr. Rose had pleaded for normal schools at various points in the interior, not forgetting the city of Nelson. The nature of the suggestion at a time when the Province was just groaning under its financial burden indicated to the speaker that Dr. Rose had not yet thrown off the boom atmosphere and the attendant financial profligacy of the late administration. Dr. MacLean reminded his friend from Nelson that the city of Victoria to-day possessed a normal school of ten or more class rooms, only five of which were doing duty. There was also a similar institution at Vancouver, and as a sedative to Dr. Rose's enthusiasm for much more vigorous programs the Minister informed the House that the Province was already paying the railway fares of normal school students to and from their homes. In spite of this the member for Nelson would ask the Legislature to go to the expense of erecting more schools. He was, of course, still living up to the true Bowerian doctrine. The establishment of a normal school at Nelson would not allay his member's apprehensions concerning any alleged shortage of teachers.

The Change.

Still reviewing the observations of Dr. Rose, and in particular his remarks concerning the work being carried on against tuberculosis, Dr. MacLean looked back to the time when the late Dr. Fagan had worked so energetically on behalf of sufferers from the dreaded disease. Dr. Fagan had been secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, and so energetic had been his labors that in the year 1908, ten years of unselfish labor were rewarded by a low death rate record for the province, viz., 55 per 1,000 of the population, or one death in every twenty from that particular malady. During the last eight years, however, there had been an increase of one hundred per cent.

Money On Jails.

The Minister was anxious to see what the Bower regime had accomplished by way of countering the ravages of the disease. He referred to the buoyant revenues of the province during its years of office and contrasted the amounts expended upon the commission.

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## New Loan in Italy a Success, Bringing About \$1,200,000,000

Rome, March 14.—Italy's fifth national war loan has just closed. The subscriptions in Italy reached 5,000,000,000 lire, with results in some cities not yet reported. Subscriptions from Italians abroad also are not included. When these reports are received it is expected that the total will be 6,000,000,000 lire (about \$1,200,000,000).

## ANOTHER RAID BY BRITISH SUCCEEDED

**Southeast of Epehy; Allies on West Front Supreme in Air**

London, March 14.—Field-Marshal Haig reported to-day:

“Our raiding parties entered enemy trenches last night southeast of Epehy and brought back prisoners. A raid attempted by enemy troops north of the Ypres-Staden Railway was repulsed successfully.

“The artillery was active on both sides during the night southwest of Cambrai. The hostile artillery increased its activity in the Neuve Chapelle district.”

Air Superiority.

Canadian Army Headquarters in the Field, March 14.—By the Overseas Correspondent of the Canadian Press, “Not since the Battle of the Somme have the Allies on the Western front enjoyed such unquestioned superiority in the air as now. Not only in the air fighting and in other activities by day, but in bombing operations at night our pilots and observers are more than a match for the enemy. The outstanding feature in the forward areas during the last three days has been the amount of aerial activity, while our anti-aircraft and machine guns and those of the enemy are constantly busy.

There was a hilarious celebration on our front line yesterday when the men of an infantry regiment engaged a low-flying enemy aeroplane with their machine guns and brought it crashing down in flames. Last night another enemy machine came down behind our lines on a trial trip with a crew of two officers, non-commissioned men and mechanics, who were made prisoners. German Statement.

Berlin, March 14.—Three machines of an Entente air squadron flying toward the city of Freiburg were brought down, army headquarters announced to-day.

On the Franco-Belgian front yesterday, the statement adds, seventeen enemy aeroplanes and three captive balloons were brought to earth.

## U.S. Plans to Double Shipments of Meat to Allied Countries

Washington, March 14.—Meat exports from the United States to the Allies will be increased fifty per cent., and perhaps doubled shortly under arrangements being negotiated by the Food Administration with the Allied food representatives here.

The purpose is to build up the Allied meat reserves from the great surplus which has been accumulated in this country, and which recently brought a relaxation of restrictions on meat consumption. The Allies would furnish all the ships for moving the meat.

## REVELSTOKE GROCERS AID FOOD CAMPAIGN

Revelstoke, March 14.—No longer will Revelstoke grocers solicit orders throughout the city. An agreement to this effect has been reached, with the object of conserving food supplies.

## ANOTHER GERMAN ATTACK ON A BRITISH HOSPITAL VESSEL

London, March 14.—The British hospital ship Guilford Castle was attacked unsuccessfully by a German submarine in the Bristol Channel on March 10, it was announced officially to-day.

Two torpedoes were fired at the Guilford Castle, the first missing and the second hitting the vessel's bow. Although badly damaged, she was able to reach port. There were many sick and wounded on board, who were transferred to a hospital.

The Guilford Castle was homeward bound and was flying the Red Cross flag and had all the hospital ship lights on.

This is the second German submarine attack on British hospital ships recently. Two weeks ago the Glenart Castle was sunk in the Bristol Channel, about 160 lives being lost. The sinking, an official announcement

## PATRIOTIC CANVASS BRINGS IN \$162,000

**Rooms Will Remain Open Two Days More for Receipt of Subscriptions**

**MANY HAVE NOT YET DONE THEIR SHARE**

Although this afternoon will see the close of the canvass in connection with the campaign for the Patriotic Fund, it was announced at headquarters this morning that the View Street rooms will remain open for the balance of the week. The Campaign Committee have decided upon this course to permit of would-be subscribers who have not been approached by the canvassers, to make their contributions before the campaign finally closes.

This morning the various canvassing committees were actively engaged in finishing the last of their allotted sections, and indications at noon pointed to an additional \$2,000 being subscribed during the day, bringing the total up to \$162,000. Cash donations amounting to nearly \$50 were handed in at the headquarters this morning, and the committee anticipate many such contributions being made during the next two days.

While this total falls far short of the desired goal of a quarter of a million dollars, yet the Campaign Committee feel optimistic as to the outlook for 1918, as the sum subscribed as far as already exceeded the amount given in 1917. But there are still many people who have not yet awakened to the fact that a contribution to the Patriotic Fund does not represent the giving of alms but the fulfillment of a solemn obligation, and the committee hope that their somewhat sluggish consciences may be awakened before the headquarters close on Saturday.

## Two British Planes Worsted Five Enemy Machines in Fight

London, March 14.—“On Tuesday two British seaplanes attacked five enemy aircraft in the southern part of the North Sea,” it was announced officially here to-day. “The engagement lasted thirty minutes. One enemy two-seater was shot down and destroyed, the observer of a second machine was killed, and a third seaplane was driven down on the water. “The engagement terminated when the British seaplanes had expended all their ammunition. Both machines returned safely.”

## TEUTONS PLANNING TO GOBBLE UP OIL WELLS OF ROUMANIA

Amsterdam, March 14.—The Deutsche Tages Zeitung, of Berlin, prints a Vienna dispatch to the effect that the Roumanian oilfields will be ceded territorially to Hungary. They will be administered under a joint German, Austro-Hungarian, Roumanian and Bulgarian control board. The oil production will be divided in proportions to be settled later, the paper says.

## Commander of Port of Vladivostok Has Committed Suicide

London, March 14.—General Dumbadze, commandant of the port of Vladivostok, has committed suicide, says a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd received here to-day.

## A MILLION TONS OF DUTCH SHIPPING TO SERVE THE ENTENTE

**Britain and States Will Take Over All Dutch Ships in Allied Ports on March 18, Unless Dutch Government Makes Them Available Before**

Washington, March 14.—After months of delay and unsuccessful negotiations with The Netherlands, the United States and Great Britain have decided to take over on March 18 for Allied use all Dutch ships in Allied ports unless The Netherlands Government accepts an agreement embodying that purpose before that time.

This will bring practically a million tons of shipping to the aid of the Allies at a time when ships are sorely needed. The Netherlands Minister to the United States, Augustus Philipps, had an engagement with President Wilson to-day, and it was expected he would present from his Government a final appeal that the action be delayed, or at least modified.

There are no indications, however, that the Allied Governments

## Bolo's Appeal From Death Sentence Has Failed in France

Paris, March 14.—The appeal of Bolo Pasha from the sentence of death imposed by a court-martial for treason was rejected to-day by the court of revision, which confirmed the original judgment. The same action was taken by the court in the case of Darius Pashars, who was tried with Bolo Pasha and sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

## FIVE WERE KILLED BY ONE ZEPPELIN

**Four Bombs Dropped by Aircraft on Hartlepool, England, Last Night**

London, March 14.—In last night's air raid one zeppelin crossed the coast and dropped four bombs on Hartlepool. Six dwellings were demolished there and thirty were damaged. Five persons were killed and nine injured.

Last night's air raid was the second made in two days over England by zeppelins, which previously had not been employed by the Germans in these attacks for several months. In neither case, however, was an attempt made to reach the London district, where German dirigibles met with disaster on previous occasions. In Tuesday night's raid Hull was bombed. Hartlepool, attacked last night, is a North Sea port of some 65,000 inhabitants in Northern England.

## Food Inquiry Will Be Held in City of Winnipeg at Once

Winnipeg, March 14.—J. D. McGregor, of the Canada Food Board, has appointed P. B. Tustin, chief food and dairy inspector of this city, to investigate the conditions at the William Davies cold storage plant here, with full power to act. This was announced at the Food Board Office.

Last week 3,500 pounds of chicken were found to be rotten in the cold storage plant and had to be sent to the incinerator. The city officials report on the matter to the Food Control Department both in Winnipeg and Ottawa and the appointment of Mr. Tustin is the result. The inquiry will deal first with the Davies plant, but it is expected that it will extend eventually to the other cold storage plants in the city.

## 10,000 REBELS OF TIBET MARCH INTO SZECHUAN PROVINCE

Peking, March 11.—(Delayed.)—Taking advantage of disorders in the Province of Szechuan, Tibetans have rebelled, and are marching into Szechuan, where they have captured several towns. The force is estimated at 10,000, and is armed with modern rifles.

U. S. RAILROADS.

Washington, March 14.—The railroads of the United States were ordered to-day by Director-General McAdoo to make an inventory of materials and supplies on hand on December 31, 1917, when private control ceased, for use in connection with Government administration of purchasing, additions and betterments and railroad financing.

will recede from their decision. In fact, a final communication is understood already to have been presented at The Hague by the British and American diplomatic representatives. In addition to being recompensed for the loss of any of the ships, the Dutch are to receive a liberal compensation in breadstuffs, which they need badly.

Logical Solution.

German pressure is expected to deter The Netherlands Government from accepting the agreement the Allies have proposed and the taking over of the ships under international law is looked upon as a logical solution and not entirely an unfortunate one for Holland.

Officials and diplomats here have no fears that the taking over of the Dutch ships will force Holland into the war as has been predicted in some quarters. They are certain that Holland will continue her policy of neutrality.

The taking of all the Dutch fleets is the greatest move of its kind since the beginning of the war.

Many in U. S. Ports. London, March 14.—Because of the long delays in negotiations with Holland over Dutch ships in Allied ports and the slowness of the Dutch Government to act in this respect, Great Britain and the United States have reached an agreement to end the negotiations and take over all such ships next week for the use of the Allies.

The amount of tonnage made available to the Allies through the Dutch arrangements is about 1,000,000, of which seventy per cent. is in United States ports, fifteen per cent. in British ports and fifteen per cent. in other Allied ports.

Nearly Whole Fleet.

New York, March 14.—The American-British decision to take over all Dutch ships in Allied ports for the duration of the war will affect seventy-five per cent. of the shipping controlled by Dutch interests, according to Adrian Gips, managing director of the Holland-American Line.

## GERMANS MARCHING INTO FINLAND NOW

**Detachment Which Occupied Abo Moves Into Interior of Country**

Petrograd, March 12.—Via London, March 14.—A strong German detachment is reported to have occupied Abo, on the coast of Finland west of Helsinki. The German troops have begun to march into the interior of Finland.

Aland Islands. London, March 14.—The people of the Aland Islands have sent an appeal to the Finnish Government and the German and Swedish monarchs asking that their wishes be considered before the final peace conference is convened, the Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph cables. The request is made that a plebiscite be taken.

The Aland Islands, in the Baltic between Finland and Sweden, belong to Finland. Sweden several weeks ago sent a small force there to protect her nationals and recently Germany was reported to have landed troops on the islands.

## CAPT. A. D. BELL-IRVING SQUADRON COMMANDER IN FLYING CORPS NOW

London, March 13.—Capt. A. D. Bell-Irving, of the famous Vancouver family, is gazetted squadron commander to the Royal Flying Corps. Lieut. L. G. Sherard and A. J. Estlin are gazetted flying officers and Lieut. W. B. Humphreys, an equipment officer of the Royal Flying Corps.



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### PRAIRIE PEOPLE TO COWICHAN DISTRICT

Duncan, March 14.—Mr. Simons, from the prairies, has bought the old Webster home on the Maple Bay Road and has moved in with his family.

Mrs. Glover and W. Morten have both let their places to families from the prairie provinces.

A panther shot by J. Sherman on the Malahat mountain a couple of days ago was a fine specimen. Two cubs about nine months old are still in that neighborhood. The chase was a long one, as the panther evidently had been

hungry and had gone quickly. She had followed the tracks of two deer, but failed to get either, and was only brought down by the hunters about sundown.

### A BURNABY DEATH.

Burnaby, B. C., March 14.—The death has occurred at the general hospital in Vancouver of ex-Councillor Tom Mayne, of Patterson, aged fifty-two. Mr. Mayne was an old-timer in Burnaby where he resided for over twenty years. He represented Ward Six on the Burnaby Council for several years and was chairman of the water committee in 1913.

## STEADY ADVANCE IN PALESTINE FIELD

British Moved Forward Three  
Miles on Eleven-Mile  
Front

London, March 14.—Attacking along an eleven-mile front on the coastal sector in Palestine, East Anglian, South Anglian and Indian troops advanced to an average depth of three miles, according to a report issued by the War Office last night, which said: "We captured the villages of Rentele, El Lohman, Deir Ballut, Medjel, Yaba and El Mir, on either side of the Wadi Abuleja and the Wadi Deir Ballut, which were passed in the course of the forward movement. The enemy resisted stubbornly about Deir Ballut and El Mir. Our air service co-operated with the infantry and dispersed enemy troops with bombs and machine-gun fire."

A report issued earlier in the day yesterday, said: "The British troops on the Jerusalem-Nablus road again advanced their line slightly."

### TRANSPORT INQUIRY WILL BE OVER SOON

Ottawa, March 14.—The board of inquiry which is hearing complaints with regard to the treatment of soldiers returning to Canada on board transports probably will conclude its sittings in the capital on next Sunday. By that time it is expected that a large number of witnesses will have been heard and a great deal of evidence taken.

The next sitting of the court will be held at Halifax, where thirty-five witnesses have signified their desire to testify, and subsequent to this it is expected the other large cities of Ontario and Quebec will be visited.

The Court in all probability will not proceed west of London, Ont. Evidence, however, will be taken throughout the West by commissioners appointed for the purpose, who will forward it to headquarters. The military authorities consider that in this way time may be saved and the investigation expedited.

### PARIS REPORTS RAIDS ON MACEDONIAN FRONT

Paris, March 14.—An official report dealing with operations on the Macedonian front issued here last night said:

"Army of the East, March 12.—French troops made several successful raids north of Ljunnica. Near Gradec, Serbian troops brought back several Bulgarian prisoners in a raid. Entente aviators carried out a number of raids and bombarded enemy establishments in the region of Rupal and north of Monastir."

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## REVIEW ISSUED BY BRITISH CABINET

Ministers Tell Their Public of  
Their Work During  
Year 1917

London, March 14.—The War Cabinet's history of its administration during 1917, which was issued yesterday, forms a most interesting and highly important historical record and also shows tremendous labors and achievements. The Government emphasizes that the whole character of the war has gradually changed since last year, involving a complete transformation of the British administration and organization.

Regarding the submarine warfare, the document frankly admits that if the enemy had been able to maintain the rate of sinkings reached in February of last year, the military operations of the Allies would have been largely paralyzed. The British navy, however, triumphed.

The document contains much data of an important sort.

## CAPT. LYON SAYS STATEMENT NOT MADE

States He Did Not Tell Bailey  
Many Canadian Soldiers  
Drunk

Calgary, March 14.—"I had a general discussion with Capt. Bailey about conditions among the soldiers while coming over on the boat," said Capt. H. E. Lyon, of Blairmore, to a Canadian Press correspondent, when spoken to over the telephone yesterday afternoon. The correspondent had called on Capt. Lyon after the receipt of a dispatch from Toronto, saying Capt. George F. Bailey had been sentenced to three months on the Ontario prison farm for stating at a prohibition convention in Toronto that he had been told that ninety per cent. of the Canadian soldiers at the front were intoxicated at Christmas, and that he believed it was Capt. H. E. Lyon who had told him so.

"Did you tell Capt. Bailey that ninety per cent. of the Canadian soldiers were drunk at Christmas?" Capt. Lyon was asked.

"I did not," was the answer. "Any man would be a fool to make a statement like that."

Capt. Lyon added that he had been asked if he would testify at Toronto on behalf of Bailey, and had consented to do so. Apparently, however, he had not been given the opportunity. Capt. Lyon said he did not care to discuss the matter further at present.

Two years ago Capt. Lyon, who resided for many years at Blairmore, was authorized to raise a railway construction battalion for service overseas, and was named lieutenant-colonel. The battalion, however, was never recruited up to full strength and its commander eventually went overseas with the rank of captain.

Will Appeal.  
Toronto, March 14.—W. K. Murphy filed notice yesterday afternoon that he would appeal the case of Captain Bailey. The grounds of appeal are that there was no evidence to warrant a conviction or to show that Captain Bailey had interfered with recruiting or the discipline or the administration of His Majesty's forces. It also is claimed that a section of an Order-in-Council involved was not complied with. Captain Bailey was not taken from the police court to jail, but, accompanied by his counsel, his father and his bondsmen, appeared before County Judge Winchester in the sessions. Crown Attorney Thurston fixed the bail at \$5,000 and after the bonds had been signed the officer was released.

The sentence of Bailey is causing considerable comment among the delegates who were present at the provincial prohibition conference here where the statement about drunkenness among the Canadian troops at the front was made. Whether a petition for clemency will be sent to Ottawa has not been decided. The Dominion Alliance can do nothing until a business committee has been called by Rev. B. H. Spence, who is absent in Ottawa.

### A PAPAL APPOINTMENT.

Rome, March 14.—Pope Benedict has appointed Cardinal Van Rossum, who was the first Dutch member of the Sacred College, Prefect of the Congregation of the Propaganda.

## FREIBURG ATTACKED BY BRITISH AIRMEN

City in Baden Bombed; Many  
Bombs Dropped in  
Other Raids

London, March 14.—British aeroplanes attacked munition works and barracks at Freiburg, Germany, yesterday afternoon, according to an official statement on aerial operations issued last night.

"Nearly ten tons of bombs were dropped," the report said. "All our machines reached their objective."

In addition to the raids reported in last night's statement, over three tons of bombs were dropped on the docks at Bruges.

"On Tuesday bombing raids continued with greater vigor than on previous days. Over thirteen and a half tons of explosives were dropped on various targets, including railroad sidings at Mons and Braval, large munitions depots, east of St. Quentin, and south of Douai, and billets east of Lens."

In the course of the fighting, which was continuous throughout the day, fourteen German machines were brought down, and eight were driven down-out of control. One hostile observation balloon was destroyed. Six of our machines are missing.

"On Tuesday night seven tons of bombs were dropped on enemy billets between Lille and Cambrai."

### Infantry Operations.

Field-Marshal Haig reported last night:

"English troops carried out a successful raid this morning against a German strong point southeast of Polygon Wood. In addition to the losses inflicted upon the enemy, thirty-seven prisoners and three machine guns were captured. Our casualties were very slight."

"A raid which the enemy attempted southeast of Armentieres was repulsed with loss."

The hostile artillery has shown considerable activity during the day north of Lens and on both sides of La Bassée Canal, and also south of the Bapaume-Cambrai road, in the Shrewsbury Forest, in Polygon Wood and in the Passchendaele sector.

### French Report.

Paris, March 14.—French aviators accounted for four enemy machines yesterday, according to a statement from the War Office here last night, which also reported a successful Belgian forward movement near Lombaertside. The statement said:

"There was strong artillery activity in the Argonne and on the right bank of the Meuse."

"During the day a German machine was destroyed and three others were damaged severely, falling within their own lines."

"Belgian communication.—Shortly after daybreak, after a violent bombardment, some of our troops entered enemy trenches southeast of Lombaertside. After killing the occupants of the trenches in the first line and moving forward we checked a violent counter-attack in hand-to-hand fighting. The enemy then retired to his second line."

"The artillery was active along the whole front Tuesday, most violently in the Nieuport and Dixmude sectors."

### Raid on Paris.

Paris, March 14.—An official report on the raid by German aeroplanes on Paris Monday night issued here yesterday said:

"The number of victims of Monday night's aerial bombardment is now known. In Paris twenty-nine were killed and fifty injured; in the suburbs five were killed and twenty-nine injured. Unfortunately, to these must be added sixty-six others who were crushed to death by a crowd in a panic at the entrance to the Metropolitan subway station, where they were seeking refuge. These last victims of German barbarism were almost entirely women and children."

"One hospital was damaged seriously by bombs which killed six and injured seven."

"The points where the bombs fell, both in Paris and in the immediate neighborhood, were not very numerous, as a large number of the enemy machines were forced to retreat. They dropped projectiles on suburbs for a great distance from Paris."

"During the raid four German aviators were brought down within our lines. Two fell in the region of Chateau Thierry, one near Meaux and the other near Soissons. Three of these were of the Gotha type while the fourth was an ordinary two-seater. One of the Gothas was destroyed by fire and the pilot and crew burned to death. Most of the other crews were not injured."

"Two policemen were killed and three injured during the raid. One of the wounded policemen was awarded the Military Medal."

### American Injured.

Paris, March 12.—Delayed.—A sergeant in the quartermaster's department of the American army who was acting as a chauffeur for the department in Paris, was injured slightly in last night's air raid on Paris.

### Signal Awaited.

British Front in France and Belgium, March 12.—Via London, March 14.—This has been another day of ideal fighting weather, but there has been no change in the situation. The British and German military machines, tuned up to the finest pitch and probably as nearly perfect as it is possible to make them, still are awaiting the signal which will send them crashing against each other. Meanwhile the artillery pounds away in thunderous duels at various points and myriads of airmen are busy bombing, photographing and acting as eyes for the respective armies.

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marvelous work recently. The first ten days of March, as a whole, have been among the best yet recorded by the service. During that period, in addition to a vast amount of reconnoitring and photographing, the intrepid Britishers destroyed thirty-nine German aeroplanes and brought down forty others out of control, despite the fact that the first two or three days of the month were so stormy that aerial activity was virtually impossible. Against this great total, fifteen British machines are reported missing.

Behind German Lines.  
Yesterday another fine record was made, but the official figures are not available. There have been many air battles and virtually all occurred behind the German lines, which means that the British airmen have been carrying the aerial war vigorously into the enemy's territory. Of the German machines destroyed all but two were sent crashing down back of the German lines. The amount of photography that has been done is amazing, and a large number of the pictures were taken at close quarters.

Bombing raids by British aviators have been almost continuous. One of the most successful expeditions was that against three enemy aerodromes on March 8.—This raid was carried out by a large number of machines during the daytime. A British aerial fleet arrived at an hour when numbers of German machines about to start were standing in a field near their hangars. The British attacked from a height of about 400 feet, and because of their low altitude were able to shoot with disastrous effect. Several buildings were set on fire and direct hits were made among the German machines.

Used Machine Guns.  
The British returned flying at a height of a hundred feet, which just enabled them to clear the treetops. They used their machine guns on every military object in sight. The first attacks were on enemy horse transports. Some of the horses were killed and the rest stampeded, upsetting the wagons. Another horse transport was stampeded and then a detachment of marching infantry came into range. Several of the soldiers were shot before they could reach cover. All the British ma-

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chines returned safely. As a matter of fact they were not attacked at all.

## CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, March 14.—The following casualties have been announced:  
Infantry.

Killed in action—Lieut. E. J. Biggar, England; Lieut. A. Nicholson, Orwell Cove, P. E. I.  
Missing—Lieut. A. C. Gilmour, St. John, N. B.

Wounded—Lieut. B. R. Allen, Winnipeg; Lieut. H. R. Cluff, Stratford; Lieut. B. Wallen, Ottawa.  
Ill—Pte. A. B. Stroud, Macaulay, Man.

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## LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

## LAND REGISTRY ACT.

## Notice Under Section 38.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to register the title of a Tax Sale Deed from the Collector of the Corporation of the Township of Esquimalt to Elsie Munro, bearing date the 25th day of November, A.D. 1917, in pursuance of a Tax Sale held by said Collector on or about the 1st day of September, 1917, of all and singular certain parcel or parcels of land and premises situated, lying and being in the District of Esquimalt, in the Province of British Columbia, more particularly known and described as: Lot 4, of part of Suburban Lot 51, Map 51A.

You and those claiming through or under you, and all persons claiming any interest in the said land by descent whose title is not registered under the provisions of the "Land Registry Act" are required to contest the claim of the tax purchaser within 30 days of the service of this notice upon you. Otherwise you and each of you will be forever estopped and barred from setting up any claim to or in respect of the said land, and I shall register the said Elsie Munro as owner in fee.

I direct that service of this notice may be made by publication in The Victoria Daily Times twelve consecutive issues. Dated at the Land Registry Office, at the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 28th day of November, A.D. 1917.

J. C. Gwynn,  
Registrar-General.

To G. H. Stewart Esq.,  
Assessed Owner.

## Notice to Owners of Dogs

All owners of dogs within the City of Victoria are hereby notified that unless the taxes on dogs belonging to or harbored by them are paid on or before the 15th inst., proceedings will be taken against delinquents for an infraction of the provisions of "The Dog By-law."

EDWIN C. SMITH,  
Treasurer and Collector.

Victoria, B. C., March 6, 1918.

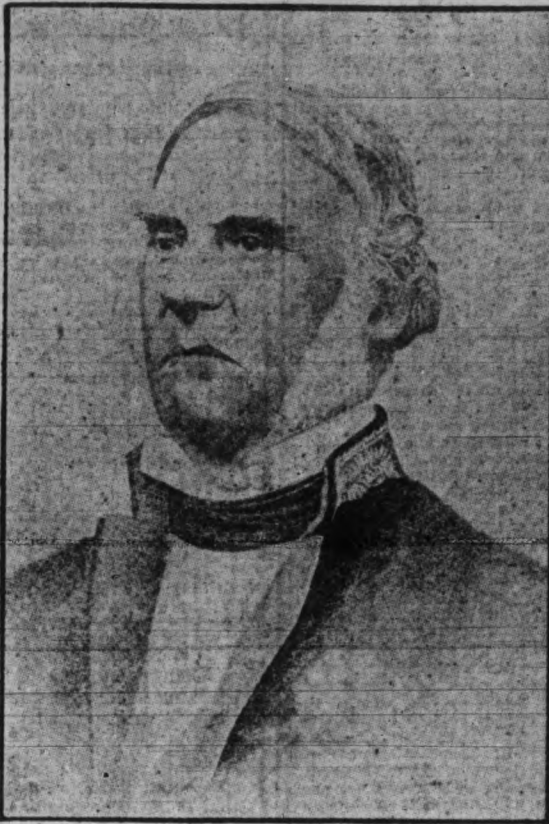
## CORPORATION TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Notice is hereby given that the Sewer Assessment Roll for the year 1918 has been filed in the Treasurer's Office, Esquimalt, and may there be inspected. Any person dissatisfied with his assessment as shown on the Roll may file a petition against such assessment with the Council not later than April 1, 1918.

G. H. PULLEN,  
C. M. C.

Dated at Esquimalt this 1st day of March, 1918.

## Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Founding of Victoria To-day



SIR JAMES DOUGLAS

To-day marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Victoria, for on March 14, 1843, Sir James Douglas, the first Governor of Vancouver Island, landed at Clover Point, and later in that year the Hudson's Bay Fort Camosun was built and formed the basis of the present city of Victoria.

Early in 1842 James Douglas, the Factor for the Hudson's Bay Company with headquarters at Fort Vancouver, made a survey of the southern part of this island to find a suitable place for a new fort then in contemplation. His decision fell upon the spot now occu-

pled by Victoria, and on March 1, 1843, an expedition of some fifteen men under Factor Douglas, left Fort Vancouver. They remained at the Cowitz farm and Nisqually for a week obtaining supplies, then sailed for the north on the Beaver, and on March 14 anchored opposite that which is now the outer harbor. The party landed at Clover Point, on the very spot at which, according to tradition, Capt. George Vancouver landed in 1792. Three months later the stockade, with bastions at the angles and store and dwelling houses within, was complete, and Fort Camosun, later known as Fort Victoria, was established.

## VANCOUVER HAS EYE ON C. N. R. AGREEMENT

Terminals, Wharves and Hotel Not Completed and Agreement Expires To-morrow

Vancouver, March 14.—Five years ago to-morrow the electors of Vancouver voted by a tremendous majority to convey to the Canadian Northern Railway the bed of False Creek east of Main Street. In consideration of this transfer the railway company was to spend many millions of dollars in the construction of railway terminals, the securing of waterfrontage and docks, and the building of a 250-room hotel. All this was to have been completed within five years from the date of the delivery of the agreement. In default of performance of these works the company was to forfeit a bond of \$1,500,000.

With the expiry date falling to-morrow, city hall officials are asking: "What about the bond? Will the city exact its pound of flesh?" None of the works agreed upon has been or will be completed within the time-limit.

These questions and the more complex one of whether the Dominion Government can be held responsible and be made to pay the sum are being canvassed about the city hall.

According to the terms of the agreement as interpreted by city officials, the whole of the reclamation scheme east of Main Street was to have been completed, the 250-room hotel was to have been constructed and in operation, and the deep-water wharves were to have been secured as the base for trans-Pacific liners which were to be put in operation within eight years of the signing of the contract.

In 1916 Sir William Mackenzie met the City Council, and when pressed as to the intentions of the railway company, exclaimed that the railroad would carry out all of its covenants. Mayor Gale has been studying the situation intently for some time and intends to demand from the Dominion Government, now in control of the road, a full measure of justice for the citizens of Vancouver. Whether or not the city will attempt to collect on the bond is not known, but it is certain that the guarantee will be used as a lever to secure more advantageous conditions in the event of the railway asking for an extension of the time-limit under the agreement.

## NUMEROUS CANADIAN OFFICERS RETURNING FROM OLD COUNTRY

London, March 14.—The following have galled for Canada: Colonel W. D. Hendry, Colonel D. Donville, A. E. Massie, W. G. McKendrick, W. C. Armstrong, J. E. Wright, E. R. Snider, D. McLean, H. Perley, M. H. Millan; Majors G. C. Hale, William Adams, F. P. Darton, H. Earle, J. F. Buchley, J. H. Forgues, J. G. Hunt, G. Lanctot, W. H. Ballantyne, B. Campbell, A. Durkee, A. H. Monteith, T. L. Butters, W. Edge-

combe, R. Mannahan, C. H. Mackenzie, W. R. Russell, S. G. Starr, N. E. Wilson, W. F. Tait, E. G. Fenwick, H. K. Clifton, C. Arthur, J. A. Patten, H. C. Wilson, N. Black, J. W. Grant, D. M. Luton; Captains H. G. Brunton, T. Colley, D. M. McKay, E. J. Griffiths, J. Collins, J. Gray, J. D. Edwards, J. Roy, G. F. Fuller, H. Smillie, G. Clegg, A. B. Lindsay, C. Normandin, E. French, E. C. Dingmap, L. F. Bishop, G. Chaffey, L. Kennedy, C. Tennant, A. Macduff, A. W. Willis, J. Brooks, C. E. Anderson, A. McKay, J. Strath, W. A. McKee, O. R. Earl, R. W. Know, F. Ayotte, D. Stewart, C. P. Gilles, T. J. Gray, J. L. Maguire, T. A. Watterson, K. G. Ross, J. Quinlan and R. W. Reid.

## MILITARY CROSSES TO 100 CANADIANS

Deeds of Great Heroism on Battleline Bring Recognition

London, March 14.—The particulars of the award of 100 Military Crosses to Canadians appear in The London Gazette as follows:

Lieut. William Henry Alsopp.—After leading the first wave of an attack he personally conducted a raid on a tunnel, killing or taking prisoner the entire gun crew.

Lieut. Leslie Belcher.—Although a very young officer, he found himself early in an attack in command of his company, which he led with great skill and gallantry, attaining the final objective.

Lieut. James Morley Bennett bombed his way down trenches, attacking the retreating enemy in the open. The line was held two and a half days, although it was impossible to receive water or rations for thirty-six hours.

Lieut. Patrick Thomas Burke led his men unarmed, capturing trench after trench under a murderous shell fire.

Lieut. H. Blairclerk successfully mounted machine guns under an intense barrage and repaired two guns, directing the fire of twelve others.

Lieut. Gilbert Edwards led a bombing party against the enemy, using flame throwers in a critical position.

Lieut. Frank Fane led his platoon when wounded and insisted on using a rifle, although he had to be propped up to do so.

Lieut. James William Green personally charged a trench mortar, learned the methods of operation from prisoners and then brought the trench mortar into play against the enemy.

Lieut. Arthur Pollard, when telephonic communications broke, established lamps to mark the runners, with great coolness.

Lieut. Leonard Reid, although without sleep for four days, never ceased to maintain communication between the artillery and infantry.

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## SHELL EXPLODED ON U. S. ARMY TRANSPORT

Three American Sailors on Former German Raider Were Killed

Washington, March 14.—A shell explosion on the American army transport Von Steuben which killed three men was announced late yesterday by the Navy Department. The shell exploded while being fired.

The date of the explosion was not given. Nor were there any details in the Department's statement further than that the men were killed by fragments of a shell which burst while being fired. It was learned, however, that the explosion occurred while the armed guard of the ship was at target practice.

The Von Steuben, an army transport, formerly was the German raider Kron Prinz Wilhelm, which was interned at Hampton Roads when she sought safety there after preying upon allied commerce.

London, March 14.—"Profound appreciation" of the work of the American destroyer Parker in rescuing survivors of the British hospital ship Glenart Castle was voiced by the British Admiralty's spokesman in the House of Commons yesterday.

## TOWN IN NEW YORK SUFFERS FROM FLOOD

Rochester, N. Y., March 14.—Scores of families have been driven from their homes and all industries in Hornell are paralyzed as the result of a disastrous flood due to a cloudburst that swept down the valley of the Genesee early this morning, inundating one-third of the city.

## COWICHAN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETS

Duncan, March 14.—Communications were read at this week's meeting of the Cowichan Women's Institute with regard to a free labor bureau. Before proceeding with the establishment of a labor bureau for farm help, the secretary was asked to write for further instructions. It was felt that along the lines of food control and labor so many committees had been appointed that nothing was being done, as none of these bodies knew where they stood.

A communication was received re the "Soldiers of the Soil Movement," which will have the support of the Institute.

Ten dollars was voted to the Institute for the blind at Halifax.

During April, the president announced, there will be held a School of Method during two days at which women may learn how to conduct meetings, to refrain from drafting impetuous resolutions, and how the whole process of the procedure at meetings can be made effective. Mrs. Ralph Smith, M. P. P., has kindly promised to give an address to the women.

Acting on the expressed wish of the Advisory Board, the Institute has pledged itself to give any help possible to War Veterans' Associations, in the way of organizing entertainments, raising funds, etc., whenever asked to do so.

## NAVAL SEAMAN IN THE OKALA PRISON KILLED HIMSELF

Burnaby, March 14.—A naval short term prisoner, James Blades, committed suicide in the Okala prison last night by hanging himself with his belt to his cell bars until he strangled to death.

The prisoner, who was only about twenty years of age, was sent to Okala a short time ago from a naval ship on a small offence and no reason can be ascribed for his rash act. The prison authorities do not know of any relatives.

A post mortem examination will be held Friday evening.

## LEAGUE ONLY AFTER ENTENTE HAS WON

Only Then Will League of Nations Be Possible, Says Lloyd George

London, March 14.—Mr. Lloyd George, speaking in London yesterday, said there had been criticism because the Cabinet Ministers had not given sufficient prominence to the idea of a league of nations in their speeches. The Bolshevik had taught one lesson—that was that a real league of nations would not come from talking about it. The critics had forgotten something which was essential—that once a war was begun, the people must not be misled by misleading phrases for facts. He could invent phrases about peace which even a Prussian war lord would hail with satisfaction.

Nobody had been so eloquent on the subject of a league of nations, said the Prime Minister, as the German Kaiser. His reply to the Pope breathed the spirit of brotherly love, but in it there was no word about Belgium. He was prepared to put Germany at the head of such a league. All through those protestations on the part of the Kaiser breathed the spirit of domination. The dagger was wrapped in the Sermon on the Mount.

A league of nations would be possible only when the Entente armies had won. Only then could a league of nations become an established fact, and the sword be converted into a ploughshare.

British Conditions.

Coming down to internal affairs, the Prime Minister said there was hunger. There was no privation, but the people were being deprived of a good deal they had been taught to regard as the essentials of a comfortable existence. There was no lack of abundant food to sustain the strength of the people, but there was a tendency to grumble at restrictions.

"The people face big things," continued the Prime Minister, "but get worried over small ones. There has been only one successful food controller in the history of the world—the one who made five loaves and two small fishes feed a multitude."

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## WOMEN WHO FASCINATE

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## NEW COMMITTEES NAMED BY DUNCAN BOARD OF TRADE

Duncan, March 14.—The Board of Trade here has the following as its new committees as the result of the quarterly meeting held this week, the first-named man in each case being the chairman:

Labor—Thomas Pitt, E. G. Smith, E. W. Carr Hilton, G. H. Hadwen, W. J. Hagan and D. Switzer.

Public Works—A. W. Hanham, H. Savage, W. P. Jaynes, D. Ford, E. W. Lee, H. R. Garrard and C. W. Dunn.

Mining and Membership—W. M. Dwyer, R. Muirhead, E. F. Miller, F. G. Smithson and R. B. Halhed.

Lumber—A. Day, J. H. Whitmore, A. McKinnon, J. Duncan, G. R. Elliott and James Campbell.

Fisheries—H. F. Prevost, H. Savage, A. H. Peterson, A. Day, H. E. Donald and Sir Clive Phillips-Wolley.

Development and Publicity—A. H. Peterson, J. C. Gidley, Dr. Troughton, W. J. Watson, G. O. Day and A. R. Wilson.

Finance and Organization—F. G. Smithson, W. L. Dunne, F. Campbell, H. W. Dickie and Dr. Kerr.

Transportation—A. J. Marlow, W. Paterson, J. Rutledge, W. T. Corbally, H. N. Clague, F. T. Townsend and N. T. Corfield.

Game—F. H. Price, W. H. Elkington, F. B. Moule, G. T. Corfield, E. W. Patison and H. T. Rutherford.

Tourist—G. F. Tauts, P. W. Anketell Jones, J. Marsh, F. R. Gooding and H. L. Helen.

Agriculture—H. B. Wingate White, W. Paterson, D. Alexander, W. R. Robertson, James Evans, H. Chaplin and C. J. V. Spratt.

Legislation—H. T. Ravenhill, Rev. A. F. Munro, S. R. Kirkham, J. W. Dickinson, F. A. Brettingham and J. Greig.

## RHONDDA'S PLANS.

London, March 14.—Lord Rhondda, the Food Controller, speaking here yesterday, said he hoped in April to be able to give those engaged in hard physical labor an increased meat ration of fifty per cent., and those engaged in very hard physical labor double the ordinary ration.

The outlook as respecting wheat was not particularly happy, but he added, there was no cause for alarm. A scheme of bread rationing was under preparation and would be ready in time when the Government decided it was necessary.

## AMERICAN AEROPLANES.

Washington, March 14.—The first fighting aeroplane of the United States equipped with Liberty motors has been tried out and accepted. It was learned last night, and a number of the craft are now being delivered for the use of the naval air service. They are the advance guard of a big fleet which will be added to the forces engaged in submarine hunting in the war zone.

A second type of fighting plane for the American army, known as the Bristol model, also has now reached the production stage, and a considerable number will become available during the present month.

## OTTAWA CHANGES HOMESTEAD RULES

Soldier Settlers Absent on Leave May Lease Farms to Others

Ottawa, March 14.—On the recommendation of Hon. Arthur Meighen, Minister of the Interior, a new homestead regulation has been adopted providing that in the case of an entrant for a homestead being absent on military service and unable to cultivate the land, he may lease it to other parties. The new regulation, which has been passed with a view to increasing agricultural production, will apply to entrants engaged in the navy as well as army and also to homesteaders, "engaged in any work deemed by the Minister to be of national importance." The leasing of unpatented homesteads in cases where the entrant has died or is insane also is authorized.

The regulations provide as follows: "The breaking and cultivating of the land under entry, the erection of permanent improvements, and in cases where the entrant has been granted the privilege of substituting stock in lieu of cultivation, the maintenance of livestock on such lands by the lessee during the term of the lease, may be granted to the entrant as fulfillment in part or in whole as the case may be, of the requirements for obtaining letters patent, providing that such evidence thereof as is satisfactory to the Minister is submitted."

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## THE FUTURE OF THE P. G. E.

In the light of Mr. Oliver's statement on the P. G. E. situation in the Legislature yesterday the future of that line appears to depend largely upon Canadian Government railway policy. Ottawa is taking over the Canadian Northern system and is reported to be considering the acquisition of the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific, as recommended in the Ackworth-Drayton report. In that case the P. G. E., which ultimately would connect two government transportation systems, logically should be a national road. This, indeed, would become an economic necessity. There is very little doubt that the P. G. E. was destined by its original promoters some day to form part of the G. T. P. system, for it is the link between that road and the business of the southern part of the Province. Mr. Oliver points out that, in view of prospective Ottawa policy, the P. G. E. seems fated to be operated by the Dominion Government or the Canadian Pacific to the special advantage of the system to which it might be made tributary. The Province, of course, could not undertake the enterprise, for it would involve an outlay of many millions.

Mr. Oliver proposes that in the meantime the Dominion should give a subsidy of \$12,000 per mile towards what new construction is immediately needed. This is a fair proposition considering the possibilities of the road in relation to Dominion policy. As a feeder for either the G. T. P. or C. N., or both, as part of the Dominion system, it would more than repay the outlay required to complete it. The line will open large areas of productive territory, rich in agricultural and mineral resources, the business from which would make up for the unprofitable sections of the Canadian Northern Pacific. If it were extended to the Peace River country its future as a revenue producer would be doubly assured. The Dominion would find a substantial contribution to its road, looking to the eventual ownership of it, a paying venture. The financial burden involved would be negligible in contrast with the amount that will be required for reproduction purposes on the Canadian Northern.

There is another strong argument in favor of Dominion intervention. If the P. G. E. fell into the hands of the Canadian Pacific the northern hinterland through which it runs would become tributary to that great enterprise, and in the interests of its own road, the Canadian Northern, the Government would be compelled to construct a lateral connection between that line and the G. T. P. and the Peace River district on its own behalf. It is hardly necessary to enumerate the advantages ownership of the P. G. E. would give the C. P. R. in competing with either a Government-operated Canadian Northern or G. T. P., or both, in British Columbia, for they are very obvious. Hence, while the future of the P. G. E. depends largely upon the Canadian Government railway policy and the grasp of those who direct it of the possibilities of the railway situation in British Columbia, the successful operation of that policy in this territory unquestionably will depend largely upon what happens to the P. G. E.

## NEW REGULATIONS.

The Cabinet at Ottawa yesterday approved regulations submitted by the Food Control Board for the prevention of food waste and hoarding and the infliction of punishment upon the wasters and hoarders. They authorize the Board to seize food supplies held by those dealing in them where the hoarding of them would result in deterioration. They further give the Board power to forbid the use of any kind of food except at certain specified times and also to prescribe the amount of any kind or kinds of food that may be sold, consumed or used at any one meal or within any specified time.

In the case of food hoarding by individuals or by companies which, in the opinion of the Board, is likely to lead to food waste, the Board itself will order the commodities sold outright, and if the order is not obeyed will seize the food and dispose of it, returning the proceeds to the owner less the cost of the sale. Further, the Board is authorized to define the amount of any kind of food that may be purchased or held by any one person or company, or may seize all

amounts purchased or held in excess of the amounts as prescribed. Penalties of fine or imprisonment, or both, are fixed by the regulations.

Cabinet approval of these regulations no doubt was forced by the inquiry of the Winnipeg civic authorities regarding the wastage of 8,500 pounds of chicken which had become unfit for human consumption, by the Winnipeg branch of The William Davies Company, Ltd., and the disclosure following the revelations of Mr. O'Connor, the Cost of Living Commissioner, must have convinced the Cabinet that the recommendations of the Food Control Board were not too drastic. There always will be a certain amount of food waste and all the regulations ever drafted cannot prevent it, but wastage on such a scale as was discovered in Winnipeg has been reported upon by Mr. O'Connor from time to time can be prevented by prompt, firm action on the part of the authorities.

The enforcement of the regulations, and prosecutions and the imposition of punishment under them are left to the municipalities which will receive whatever fines are paid as the result of proceedings undertaken by them. This probably is the most effective means by which the regulations can be enforced, for the Food Control Board has not the organization to undertake the duty. In fact only through co-operation between the Provincial and Municipal authorities and the Food Control Board can food hoarding and waste be discovered and adequately dealt with.

## SUPREMACY IN THE AIR.

The West Front have afforded an opportunity of testing the preparations which it is known the Germans have been making during the winter for their operations this spring and summer. The German press has confidently predicted that as the result of those preparations the German air force would establish its supremacy, and would do wonderful things. We were told there was going to be a great aerial offensive against the towns, communications and bases of the Allies which would throw them into a panic.

The German programme was rose enough from the enemy point of view, but it left out a rather important item. This was the air service of the Allies. While the Germans were preparing for extensive aerial activity this year the Allies were doing the same and on a scale which dwarfed the preparations that, last year, gave them a clearly-established ascendancy over the enemy. Early in the year Lord Rothermere, the Minister in charge of the Air Service, declared that the results of what had been done by Great Britain in the way of preparation for aerial operations in 1918 would surpass the expectations of the public.

Those results have been exceptionally gratifying so far. A press dispatch today says that during the first ten days of March, in addition to a vast amount of reconnaissance and photographing the British air service destroyed 39 German aeroplanes and drove down forty out of control. Against these the British lost fifteen. Furthermore, the majority of the combats took place over the enemy's lines. The French also have accounted for many enemy aircraft. American machines are now beginning to appear on the Western Front, and before long the British and French services will be vastly reinforced from that quarter. As time goes by the margin against the enemy in the air will grow rapidly until the weight against him will be overwhelming.

Another significant feature of the war in the air is the number of raids being carried out by the British air service against important German centres in the Upper Rhine valley. There were over thirty of these in the first two months of the year, according to official German admission, and the campaign is continuing. A few days ago Coblenz, an important military centre, was raided in daylight, while yesterday ten tons of bombs were dropped on munition plants and military works at Freiburg. It is noteworthy that the resistance offered by the enemy air service to these raids is described as feeble.

## TO THE END.

Stephen Lauzanne, Editor of Le Matin, Paris, recently delivered an inspiring address before the Canadian Club of Toronto on "France and the War." A few extracts from the speech are worth quoting for they were uttered by one who in every respect is entitled to be regarded as the unofficial mouthpiece of his countrymen.

"We are not fighting for money, for donations or new territory; we are fighting for something that is higher and nobler than that: for an ideal; the spirit of humanity, and, above all, respect for international law. We have suffered; we are ready to suffer until there are no Frenchmen left to suffer; life is nothing without dignity and liberty. The other spirit, of aggression and domination, will go when the Germans are taught that it is not theirs to

dictate terms of peace but to accept them.

"There is talk of peace; there is too much talk of peace. To-day autocracy has found a new and powerful ally, and this is not the first time that anarchy and autocracy have joined hands; but anarchy, even buttressed with anarchy, cannot force an unjust peace upon us. We answer: 'No; you have appealed to the guns, let the guns speak.'"

"If we have suffered we are not exhausted. In 1914 France had 1,500,000 men. To-day we have in the field 2,750,000. In September, 1914, we were manufacturing 12,000 shells a day; to-day we are making 300,000 shells a day." Mr. Lauzanne spoke of the 80,000 guns and 5,000 airplanes they had sent to their allies, without speaking of those they were making for the Americans. "Since the war began the French have voted money to the extent of \$20,000,000,000, and of this twenty billion only two billion have come from abroad."

France is determined that there shall not be another forty-year nightmare of a German threat against her life, and she will fight to the last time to end the Hun menace once and for all. She knows that a peace which left Prussian militarism supreme in Middle Europe would be her death-knell for it would be she who would have to meet the first tremendous blow of the war of which such a peace, of course, would be the precursor, and she has suffered too much to take that risk.

## WAR TO BE WAGED ON WHITE PLAGUE

(Continued from page 1.)

struction of court houses and jails with that in war against tuberculosis. The Government of those days seemed to have possessed a veritable mania for court houses and jails, he said, so much so that over a million and a half dollars from 1911 to 1914 was in court houses alone. It was always a case of dealing with the effect with never a single thought for what might have had a considerable bearing upon the cause. Money was spent like water in a feverish haste to take care of one part of British Columbia's civilization.

## Not Spectacular Enough.

Why did they not follow the sensible course? asked the Doctor. The answer was not difficult to supply. A campaign to eliminate the cause of any disease was never a very spectacular job and its very unpopularity was sufficient to incline the energies and divert the money so lavishly spent by the old regime in other directions. The point the Doctor wished to impress upon the members of the House was that if a fraction of the money squandered in the manner he had described was available to-day, a great humanitarian work could be accomplished. What was more, the plan so desired by his honorable friend Mr. Nelson would also be easy of consummation. In fact he was not sure if Dr. Rose had not demanded that expenditures should be made now in the light of a bounden duty of the Government.

## Appointed a Barber.

At this point the Provincial Secretary indulged in a little analysis of the efforts made by the late administration to stem the ever increasing ravages of the great white plague. When I came into office and asked for the latest literature on tuberculosis then being issued for the guidance of the people in British Columbia I found among other things a pamphlet dated 1908, another of 1901 and another of 1909. That is not all," continued the Minister. "Just to show their great and abiding interest in the future health and welfare of the Province during the years of 1914 and 1915, they actually had a barber as acting secretary of the Board of Health for this Province," dryly exclaimed the Doctor. Fully appreciative of the vast responsibility resting on the incumbent of the office he had named, the Doctor asked how it was to be expected that a barber would be endowed with the ability to institute the necessary machinery for the prevention and spread of the disease.

## Too Ideal for Times.

Then the member for Similkameen had suggested the establishment of a plant for the production of preventative and curative serums. He, too, the Minister was afraid failed to realize that the abnormal financial condition of the province would not permit the founding of laboratories costing many thousands of dollars, their splendid value notwithstanding. The Doctor, however, gave Mr. Mackenzie the consolation that the serums purchased for the provincial institutions were obtained at a very moderate cost, and were supplied free where required. He was sorry to have to tell the member for Similkameen that his suggestion would scarcely be possible of fruition for many years to come.

## The New Plan.

"Instead of a barber as Medical Health Officer," said the Doctor in a carefully judged tone, "we expect to have, that is if the Legislature permits, an expert in tuberculosis travelling throughout the province spreading the gospel of a healthy body in every town, village and hamlet." The Doctor then referred to his Bill now before the House providing for an additional grant to the hospitals in the cases of advanced tuberculosis. The added per capita would provide for any necessary outlay in the matter of isolating the wards to prevent the contraction of the disease by other patients. The local hospital end of the scheme was not essentially curative, but preventative; the plan would eventually relieve Tranquille and render it free to confine its labors to the incipient and early cases.

## Bowler's Gas.

Passing on to the question of the re-

turned soldier the Doctor held to the view that it was neither a Provincial, Federal, nor Imperial matter alone, but a problem that would require to be settled on a comprehensive co-operative basis between all the Governments of the Empire. The members of the Opposition had made a political football of the issue—a regrettable attitude to take. It was, however, hopeless to expect that the Opposition Leader would rise to his responsibilities—his political character would not allow. His speech of Monday last was indicative of a lack of desire to assist towards any satisfactory solution of one of the greatest questions of the day. "His speech can best be described as a gas attack of the worst type, void of any suggestion of a constructive nature," declared the Minister with some impatience. Such exhibitions were not seemly at the place in which the Province and the Empire found themselves to-day. He should be the man at least to set an example to the younger members of the House.

## Province Doing Its Best.

The Leader of the Opposition had declared that the Government lacked sympathy with the returned men. Dr. MacLean held before him the record of returned men employed by the Government. At present there were eighty-three and during last year at various times and in more or less temporary capacities 277 had been employed. It was very rarely that men on the books were idle for two consecutive months. The Doctor explained the personnel and workings of the Returned Soldiers' Commission, with which readers of the Times are familiar. The Minister did not claim the work of the Commission to be in any way a solution for proper demobilization. That was recognized to be a Federal work. He referred to the new portfolio created by the Ottawa authorities for land settlement as the proof of it. Another example of the manner in which the Government was co-operating with Ottawa was the leasing of its own land to the "Soldiers of the Soil" movement, which was explained in these columns recently.

## Education.

From the point of view of education the Department was modifying the examinations and discontinuing the summer schools so that British Columbia's patriotic teachers could devote their holidays to more useful work. He alluded also to the great work of the University, especially as it concerned returned soldiers. Yet the Opposition had said the Government had done nothing.



WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH BOWSER, ROSS & CO.

To the Editor.—To the readers of the newspapers and to those who took an intelligent interest in the doings of the Bowser Administration the recent utterances of Bowser, Ross & Co., especially in regard to the question of land settlement for returned soldiers, must afford much amusement.

Both Mr. Bowser and his Lieutenant, Mr. W. H. Ross, have recently been posing as "Returned Soldiers' Friends," and in their speeches have bespattered those brave men with fulsome praise. But are the returned soldiers swallowing all the compliments of these two talkative gentlemen? No, they are not. The present war has been waged for close on four years. The Bowser-Ross Administration was in power during 1914, 1915 and part of 1916, and I ask Messrs. Bowser, Ross & Co. the very simple question, "What did they and their party do to prepare for the time when the soldiers should return?" The answer is as simple as the question—"Nothing."

In 1916 the Liberal Government was returned to power and ever since it took up the reins of government efforts have been made to keep this matter before the people of the province, and now schemes are on foot to develop the resources of the province and enable the soldiers to return to their homes.

Mr. Bowser and Mr. Ross have recently been patting the returned soldiers on the back and telling them what they will do for them. Mr. Bowser's promises in regard to this matter before the war, in a manner which will tend to make the soldiers swallow his "blarney" in regard to "what I will do for you when I get back to power."

Mr. Bowser should have started something for the settlement of the returned soldiers three years ago. Had he done so, then, the question would not have assumed such immense proportions. As it has done, it is very applicable to some of those who legislate for us poor overtaxed farmers and truck gardeners.

Bowler had his day; the electorate voted him in for his term of years; but the scales have now fallen from their eyes and Bowser, as a politician is no more. "Strong" men are needed at this time, and in the present Administration we have found men capable of guiding the destinies of our province through the most trying time in its history and Bowser must pass into the ranks of the "has-beens."

## A RETURNED SOLDIER.

## GREATER PRODUCTION.

To the Editor.—Dr. Toimie has recently said in one of his lectures on food production that "if we do not feed the soldier we cannot possibly win the war." He also says, "the country is full of people who want to legislate for others, and those who have the right to legislate introduced should be placed in business competition in their own line of business with the Oriental."

I wish to inform Dr. Toimie that, like many other women on the island, I am a truck gardener, and therefore in my business I come into direct competition with the Oriental. There are three sets of these truck gardeners in Japan on the island, and they are very close to me, and I have taken up the management of the farms on which they now work, said farms grew nothing but noxious weeds. In fact there was a political opinion that I do wish to legislate against noxious weeds and in favor of the Chinese producer. Recently I attended the annual convention of the Fruit Growers' Association here I was to report myself from noxious weed seed blowing on my land, as I had bought expensive wheat and vetch seed and sown

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## H. N. MACLEAN.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church,  
Victoria West, March 12.

## WHY HE PREFERRED JAIL.

To the Editor.—Being a subscriber to your paper, would you please be kind enough to publish the following statement from me in defence of my action recently in submitting to imprisonment in preference to paying a fine for violating certain laws which clash with my religious convictions.

First—I am led to believe that the British North America Act provides for the free and untrammelled religious liberty of the community at large. Second—The Government of Canada has violated that Act by the recent Order-in-Council prohibiting the people of Canada from having in their possession a religious publication called "The Finished Mystery."

Third—I was imprisoned for having this publication in my possession. I was also released through the action of some one whose sympathy overruled his better judgment. I was quite able financially to pay several fines like that, but I don't propose to pay fines, neither do I want others to pay for me.

Fourth—I am not in this letter asking for public sympathy. I only want the public to know that there are probably enough people in Canada of the same frame of mind as myself to fill all the prisons in the country from coast to coast. I am a law-abiding citizen and so are all the other Bible Students, but when man-made laws interfere with our method of religious study we will suffer the consequences even if it involves disobedience to man-made laws.

Fifth—The only way the authorities can prevent me from possessing "The Finished Mystery," the Bible or any other religious publication will be by keeping me behind prison bars. I make this statement advisedly. If the authorities want me they know where to find me.

I have just as much legal right to the possession of "The Finished Mystery" as Bishop Macdonald or anyone else, unless he is in the employ of the censor's department. Sixth—Any man who has a conscience toward his Maker and is not ready to die for the same is not a Christian, because the Scriptures tell us that we must be faithful unto death (Rev. 2, 10). A Christian's path is a narrow one. It leads to the Cross. I rejoice in the privilege of filling up a little of that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His body's sake, which is the Church. (Col. 1, 24). This is the Church of which I claim to be a prospective member.

In conclusion this persecution of Christian people is easily traceable from the devil's power back through the ecclesiastical authorities to the price of the power of the air, that is, the devil. M. H. DEWAR.

1233 Oscar Street, City.

## BIBLE STUDENTS' PETITION.

To the Editor.—The International Bible Students' Association, through their president, have addressed a letter to the Secretary of the House of Commons requesting that the Order-in-Council placing a ban on The Bible Students' Monthly and The

Finished Mystery be rescinded, and informing him of the grievous error and injustice to the people of Canada of the Government's action, to say nothing of the gross wrong done their publications, and that if he would take the time to read them carefully he would find sufficient reasons, they think, for rescinding the order. One of these reasons is that while a Christian or member of their association would attempt revolution, the Secretary was unwittingly breeding revolution among the order-loving people of Canada, who would resist having a guardian placed over their good books, what they should or should not read. The clergy—some good, some bad—they say, have assumed to represent the Lord on earth, while their "fully consecrated little flock" (7) are trying to tell the people—without money and without price—what these days of distress really mean. Do they mean that our clergy are taking our money and giving nothing in return? or that the million and a half dollars or thereabouts that they put into the treasury of The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, of Brooklyn, N.Y., is money that costs nothing? We might have that question partly answered if we could interview some people who placed their worldly goods in the custody of the society and, afterwards, finding they could not recover any of it, spent their remaining days in poverty and worse. But, to be charitable, let us consider the I. B. S. with the same fairness they consider the clergy. Some good, some bad, and let us hope that some day they will be able to find sufficient scriptural texts in the Bible for their spiritual guidance, without having (before they can be accepted as members of the I. B. S. A.) to subscribe to a vow originated by their late leader, C. T. Russell, that was servant (?) who considered the vow necessary, after having his conduct questioned by the courts in connection with a domestic scandal, after which his wife was granted a divorce from him.

But to return to the charge of a serious reflection on the intelligence of the Canadian people in refusing them the right to read these publications, to say nothing of the much greater loss sustained by them in not allowing the 28,000 free copies of The Finished Mystery to be delivered in different parts of Canada by the I. B. S. A.; these books have already been paid for many times over by our Canadian citizens through their contributions of hundreds of thousands of dollars to keep up an institution that returns little or nothing in the way of employment or remuneration to our citizens while a large number of employees of the association in Brooklyn, N.Y., get their living out of these funds.

Surely we ought to be grateful for the good things spread before us by the I. B. S. A. during the last three years of their existence. The thousands of copies of Canada might long ere this have been groping in outer darkness or some other chaotic state. Probably we should not accuse these good people of spreading German propaganda, but our memory wanders back to the time, some two years ago, when C. T. Russell advertised his anti-recruiting lecture tour through Canada, but our perverted, unchristian spirit again asserted itself and he was refused admittance into the country. So we have had time to reflect on our mistakes and the pleasure we might have enjoyed in watching the "cultured Hun" wandering at leisure over our fair land, pillaging our homes, to say nothing of his unmentionable atrocities in Belgium. Hence we delay signing the I. B. S. A. petition till the rush is over—until it is signed, say, by the mothers, orphans and wives of the brave men who fought and died to help rescue us from a tyranny much more oppressive than the placing of a ban on some questionable literature.

## DILATORY.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, March 14, 1893.

Members of the Washington Legislature in the city yesterday were Hon. D. F. Anderson, R. J. Neergard, and J. W. Arrowsmith. It will be interesting to British Columbians to know that a syndicate of English and American capitalists are about to purchase Toquart Harbor land.

The Dominion Trades and Labor Congress have asked the Victoria Council for reliable data on the Chinese question. The Government has questioned the reliability of statements made on the subject in Pacific Coast meetings.



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—Candy, Main Floor

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—Another delivery of these popular silks just arrived. There are many beautiful shades, such as maize, ivory, flesh, pink, old rose, Nile, sky, saxe, Copenhagen, mauve, amethyst, purple, brown, reseda, ceru, apricot, pearl and black; 40 inches wide and very special, a yard, **50¢**

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## A BEDTIME STORY UNCLE WIGGILY AND THE OATMEAL MUSH

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(By Howard R. Garis.)

"Are you going out to-day, Mr. Longears?" asked Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzy, the muskrat lady, housekeeper of Uncle Wiggily, the bunny rabbit gentleman, with whom she lived in a hollow stump bungalow.

"Well, I generally do go out, almost every day," he answered. "Would you like to go with me, this time?"

"Thank you, no," answered Nurse Jane. "It is too cold and blustery for me. But I thought as long as you are going out, you might take a little something over to Grandfather Goosey Gander."

"I will. What is it?" asked Uncle Wiggily.

"Oatmeal mush," answered Nurse Jane. "I made more than we'll need, and, as it is a pity to waste anything these war days, you can take some to your friend."

"Grandpa Goosey Gander will surely like oatmeal mush," said Uncle Wiggily. "Have it good and hot for him, Nurse Jane."

"I will," said the muskrat lady, and then she put some of the mush, steaming hot from the gas stove, into a pail, and clapped the cover on before much of the steam had time to get out.

"Now I'll take it to Grandpa Goosey," said Uncle Wiggily.

Off started the bunny rabbit gentleman over the fields and through the woods, thinking how glad his goosey friend would be to get the hot oatmeal mush.

Now about this same time a bad old bear, who had just awakened from his long winter sleep came out of his cave very hungry indeed. He saw Uncle Wiggily hopping along over the snow, that bear did, and he said to himself,

"Ah, ha! Some souse off his ears would make a good meal for me! I'll get right after him!"

The bear started to run down the hill after Uncle Wiggily, who was carrying the hot mush to Grandpa Goosey Gander, when all at once, he bumped right into Johnnie Bushytail, the squirrel.

"Hi there! Get out of my way!" growled the bear. "You are too small for a meal or I'd take you! I'm after that rabbit!"

Johnnie slipped out of the way, and, looking down the hill, saw Uncle Wiggily.

"Oh!" thought the squirrel boy, "if I could only run on ahead and tell Uncle Wiggily the bear is after him, maybe our bunny uncle could get out of the way. I'll try it!"

Billie, the squirrel chap, was a fast little runner, so, taking a short cut across the fields and through the woods, he got ahead of the bear and reached Uncle Wiggily first.

"Oh, Uncle Wiggily!" panted Billie. "A bad bear is coming after you to get souse off your ears. You'd better run and hide. I bumped into him on the hill, but I ran on ahead to tell you."

"That is very kind of you, Billie," said the bunny. "Very kind indeed! But it is too late for me to run away. That would only make the bear more angry when he does catch me. I had much better wait until he catches up to me."

"But he'll bite you!" chattered Billie. "Maybe not," said Uncle Wiggily, and a sly little look came into his eyes and he twinkled his pink nose foxy-like.

"Hold on there!" cried the bear, a little later lumbering up. "Hold on there, I want you!"

"I am holding on," said Uncle Wiggily, and he brought around in front, where the bear could see it, the pail of steaming hot oatmeal mush which the

bunny was holding in his paw. "I'm holding on to this," said Mr. Longears.

"Come now! None of your jokes!" growled the bear. "I'm hungry. I want some souse off your ears, and souse I'm going to have!"

"Very well," said Uncle Wiggily. "But maybe you would like some hot souse with your cold souse. Try a bit of this!"

Then, before the bear could even so much as take a nibble, Uncle Wiggily quickly took the cover off the pail, and held it under the bear's nose.

And the bear was so surprised, that he leaned his head forward to see what was in the pail, and Uncle Wiggily suddenly tipped it right upside down on the bear's soft and tender nose and when that bear felt the steaming hot mush in his face he howled and he yowled and he scowled and he cried:

"Oh, wow! Oh, woe is me! Oh you must have a gas stove in that pail! Oh for a bank of snow in which to cool my poor nose! Oh! Oh!"

Then away ran the bear to look for some icebergs, and Uncle Wiggily ran back home with Billie and got more hot oatmeal mush for Grandpa Goosey, and this time the bear didn't bother him.

And Grandpa Goosey waiting until the mush cooled, liked it very much indeed. And if the cow's horn doesn't blow so loudly that it wakes up Little Boy-Blue and makes him turn red like a lobster, I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggily and the penny bank.

### ENTERTAIN SAILORS

Great War Next-of-Kin Gave Second Enjoyable Event for Naval Men Last Night.

Last night at the St. John's Hall, Herald Street, the members of the Great War Next of Kin Association held their second entertainment for the sailors of H. M. S. Avoca, when the men who were on duty at the time of the last gathering, were the guests of the Association. As on the previous occasion the capacity of the hall was taxed to the utmost, and the men were right royally entertained. The proceedings opened with an excellent concert programme to which vocal selections were contributed by the Misses Charlton, Miller, Rita Hunt, Lily Dooley, and the Messrs. Griffiths, Tom Dooley, Ted Hughes and Sergt. Merryweather, while instrumental numbers were given by Mrs. Ridgard's orchestra and the band of H. M. S. Avoca. Mr. Dooley made a capital chairman, throughout the evening.

At the conclusion of the concert dancing was indulged in, for which delightful music was furnished by Mrs. Ridgard's orchestra and the ships band. During the evening the sailors were regaled with coffee, cakes and sandwiches, and at the conclusion of the very enjoyable affair, three hearty cheers were given for their hostesses.

Here is a story which Raymond Blathway recounts in his recently published book, "Through Life and Around the World."

A negro was called upon to give evidence in a burglary case against a prisoner.

"Do you call him a thief?" threateningly demanded counsel for the defence. "I'm not going to say he's a thief, sah, but what I say is dis: If I was a chicken and I saw dat nigger loafin' around, I'd roost high-dat's all!"

## CIRCUS RIDERS STAR ON PANTAGES' SHOW

Pretty Chorus in New Creations Are Feature of Big Revue

Delightful comedy; that combination of pretty airs, breezy patter and graceful dances is ever welcomed from the footlights; but with a vaudeville show it becomes a necessity. That its presence was appreciated was evidenced by the enthusiasm of the audience which viewed the current week's bill at Pantages yesterday. The matinee theatre-goer only recovered from one spasm of mirth to experience another. The show is certainly one of the best that has visited a local vaudeville stage for many weeks.

Featured as the headline attraction is the Lowandes, a company of brilliant equestrians. One is carried back for just a little taste of the "Big Top"—the life and whirl of the circus; its great rings, horses, acrobats, clowns, and pretty girls who ride on great white steeds. All these play as full a part as the narrow confines of the modern stage permit. Indeed it is sufficient to win praise from the most critical audience.

On a scale equal to that of the headliner is the "Krazy Kats Revue." It is here that Dame Fashion takes full sway. She has long been known as a lady of fertile imagination, and the "Krazy Kats" dispel any thought that she is suffering from a poverty of ideas. The turn with its pretty dresses and prettier girls presents some of the latest and most intricate dances, all of which fit in admirably with such popular hits as "Somebody's Gonna Get You," "Look Them Over" or the "Cleopatra Jazz Band."

A real novelty turn is given by Janet and Warren Leland in a sketch called Paint-o-graphy. They stand behind illuminated screens and present visions of the whirlwind artist. The act is unique, artistic and amusing, and opens the bill in a thoroughly pleasing manner.

The original rural comedy, "Simplicity," in which Helen Duval and James Silver make their appearance, certainly teems with the hay-seed atmosphere; but when the little worldly-wise lady from New York arrived, Uncle Silas wasn't so slow after all. The skit is admirable for the proverbial "tired-business-man."

There is profusion of pep in the turn, "The Ragtime Soldier." Several pieces of antiquated artillery, a most remarkable piano and voices which they use to advantage give John and Mary Burke every opportunity of winning well deserved applause.

Joe Reed offering songs and other musical numbers proves equally popular, while the sixth episode of the "Hidden Hand" concluded a truly attractive programme.

## MARGUERITE CLARK'S POPULARITY PRIZE

Received Trophy When on Throne During Filming "The Seven Swans"

Of the half-dozen screen stars entered in The Ladies' World Magazine screen popularity contest, demure Marguerite Clark emerged the winner. At the Paramount studios at Fort Lee, New York, she recently received her prize. This took the unusual form of a huge cake, beautifully iced and garnished.

When the trophy was brought to her as she sat on her stately throne, used in the filming of "The Seven Swans," which is being shown at the Royal Victoria Theatre to-night. Miss Clark posed for several photographs. The moment they were finished, however, she demanded a knife and sliced off generous portions, which were distributed to the motley assembly of actors in all sorts of costumes, newspaper reporters, carpenters, and others who surrounded her. "The sample was fine," averred the star later, "and after a while I'm really going to eat some of it. I often hear that I've been awarded a prize, but so seldom actually receive it."

## WORLD FOR SALE COSMOPOLITAN FILM

Famous Actors Take Part in Sir Gilbert Parker's Famous Work

A truly cosmopolitan film, "The World for Sale," by Sir Gilbert Parker, an Englishman, was arranged for screen and directed by J. Stuart Blackton, a staunch American and producer of "The Battle Cry of Peace." The actors include Norbert Wink, born in Poland; Crazy Thunder, an American Indian and one of the last of his tribe; Escarmillo Fernandez, a Spaniard, and Joseph Donohue, who as the name indicates, is Irish.

This was entirely accidental and merely happened by chance—possibly helped out by the fact that the fields of literature and the screen world were thoroughly scoured to find this production and "types" that could adequately interpret it. "The World for Sale," a Paramount Picture, is to be shown at the Variety Theatre to-night.

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"The Spy," starring Dustin Farnum, the greatest story of the present war, is a plot which deals with the machinery of diplomacy and international relations is handled so skillfully that the entire production has been made without the firing of a single shot. "The Spy" is a war story and not a battle story.

Mark Quaintance (Dustin Farnum) is a young man of wealth and high social position, who has never proved his usefulness to the world. The Patriotic Club, of New York, is looking for such a person to send to Germany in an effort to gain a list of German spies in America.

Just before the United States declares war, they find Mark and he agrees to undertake the hazardous task.

On shipboard Mark meets Greta Gamm, who is being deported back to Germany. Greta was a well-known safe blow in New York. With the menace of the war the authorities thought it best to return her to her native land.

The acquaintance of Mark and Greta ripens into love. When the ship touches land, however, the girl, unwilling that Mark should learn of her past life, slips away from him.

At a ball held at the American Embassy one night Mark meets Greta. She is powerless in the hands of Wittichcraft, who knows her past history and threatens to imprison her. The German chief insists that she be at his home at midnight.

She goes and what she sees and the outcome is filmed at the Dominion Theatre to-night.

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

Interesting Addresses Delivered at Shawinigan and Cobble Hill; Splendid Red Cross Report.

The regular monthly meetings of the Shawinigan and Cobble Hill Women's Institutes were held respectively at Shawinigan Lake and Cobble Hill on March 7 and 12. At Shawinigan Miss Hudson, of Duncan, gave a most interesting talk on "Some Famous Women of Flanders," with which country and its history she showed herself very familiar. At Cobble Hill Miss Twiss lent much enjoyment to the meeting by telling some of her experiences as a war worker. The Red Cross Committee reported much good work as follows: The monthly collection was \$45.48; donations and subscriptions, \$13.89; and work sent to Victoria included fifty-three pairs of socks, twelve pyjamas, twelve shirts, two pairs mittens and twenty-one helmets.

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Halifax Relief—The following additional subscriptions have been received by Mr. Rowley, honorary secretary of the Halifax Relief Fund, and are being sent forward to-day: H. O. Barnett, \$1; S. H. Stanley, \$1. The B. C. Telephone Operators Kewpie Club, \$25.

### GONZALES CHAPTER

\$150 Rental for Loan of Costumes to "Mandarin" Voted Back to Red Cross.

The regular monthly meeting of the Gonzales Chapter was held on Tuesday morning in I. O. D. E. headquarters, Mrs. Hedden Gillespie, vice-regent, presiding. The treasurer reported the receipt from the "Mandarin" of \$150 for the use of the costumes owned by the Chapter, and it was agreed that the money should be contributed to the Red Cross Society with the Mandarin contribution. Letters of thanks for Christmas parcels were received from soldiers in France and St. Lucia. The Chapter undertook to support, as far as possible, the project of a Canadian Nurses Club in London, England. An interesting and instructive address on the Navy League of Canada was heard from Mrs. Neroutsoa. Twenty-three pairs of socks for field comforts were handed in. Four new members, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Hibben, Mrs. Bradshaw and Mrs. Lort, were elected.

## Social & Personal

Dr. and Mrs. Boyce, of Kelowna, who have been spending the past month in this city, have now left for their home in the Okanagan.

R. Wilfrid Hartley, who has been a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital for the past two weeks, has now returned home and is making satisfactory convalescence.

Mrs. Albert Gooderham, of Toronto, who is attached to the I. O. D. E. Hospital for Canadian officers at Hyde Park Place, London, has been "mentioned" for valuable hospital services.

Mrs. Leslie Boulding, of this city, is visiting in Vancouver as the guest of Mrs. J. A. McMillan of Sixth Avenue West, and will later leave for Vernon where she will join Mr. Boulding and take up her residence.

Mrs. Grace Davenport, of Hampton Court, has received an urgent call to Vancouver owing to the serious illness of her daughter and grand-daughter, and in consequence, the Red Cross bridge tea arranged by her for tomorrow afternoon is postponed indefinitely.

Music-lovers of the city have evinced keen interest in the forthcoming Skovgaard recital to be given at the Empress Hotel on Monday night. In consequence the Ladies Musical Club look forward to a big attendance, resulting in the raising of a goodly sum for the Halifax blind, for whom the affair was arranged.

The Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Bernard, Admiral J. S. Shenton, Major-General R. G. E. Leckie, Lieut.-Col. Harvey, Lieut.-Col. Hugh Major and Major Seely-Smith have extended their patronage to the dance and card tournament to be given by the "J" Unit Chapter, I. O. D. E. in the Empress ballroom on Easter Monday, April 1.

A quiet wedding was solemnized by the Rev. H. S. Osborne at the Metropolitan Methodist Parsonage on Thursday evening, March 7, when Miss Lily Dobbs, of Liverpool, became the bride of J. C. Tolhurst, late of Kent, England, who is a returned veteran. The happy couple left for a motor tour, and since their return have taken up their residence in Cook Street.

The B. & S. Club is the name of a new and active class of young ladies who started working for the Red Cross as an organization in February. By the end of that month they had turned in to headquarters thirty-six bandages, four stretcher caps and four pairs of socks. In March they will have their first full month and expect to do much more. To avoid a guessing competition about the name it should be explained that the initials stand for "Bandages and Socks."

The Great War Veterans' rooms on Fort Street were thronged yesterday afternoon when the Women's Auxiliary held a "silver tea" in aid of the funds of the "Fragments of France" football team. Afternoon tea was served at small tables daintily decorated with scarlet carnations, by members of the refreshment committee. A musical programme added much to the pleasure of an enjoyable afternoon, vocal selections being contributed by Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Joseph Hinton, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Gould, while Miss Mary Shearer gave a graceful Highland dance to the accompaniment of the bagpipes, played by Miss Agnes Wallace. During the afternoon the cushion raffle conducted by the Auxiliary was drawn and won by Sergt. Tipper with ticket No. 46. The raffle realized \$20 and the proceeds of the tea amounted to \$23.80, a very gratifying result.

Mrs. Macdonald Fahy Plans Delightful Concert for Ladies' Musical Club on March 22.

The next concert of the Ladies' Musical Club will be held on Friday, March 22, instead of on the usual Thursday date, in order to avoid overlapping with the Wilmot Goodwin recitals which are being held by the King's Daughters on

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J. S. CowperEULOGIZES UNIVERSITY  
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March 13.

Styling himself as an individual "on the outside looking in," J. S. Cowper, the fifth member for Vancouver, resumed the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the Throne this afternoon. Hinting at the outset that he intended to be brief by reason of the fact that the debate had reached a stage when the Legislature was not in a mood to listen with any great interest to its prolongation by a private member, Mr. Cowper dispensed with many of the introductory formalities, yielding first place to a tribute to the memory of Premier Brewster. The Vancouver member recalled his friendly associations with the late Premier Minister and despite some more or less minor misunderstandings in point of view he was happy to have had his friendship and to know that less than a month ago the departed statesman had personally assured him that he valued his resolution in maintaining those principles of Liberalism concerning which the two had seen eye to eye several years ago.

Chips Mr. Manson.  
It was a source of satisfaction to him that such an old Liberal warhorse as the Hon. John Oliver had been chosen for the high office of Premier in succession to his late friend. The position of the Speaker in that House was similarly befitting both the years and ability of the Hon. J. S. Cowper. But the fifth member for Vancouver failed to discover why Mr. Manson had been promoted to the Deputy Speakership, and as he so expressed himself he reminded the House that the last time he met the member for Omicron it was at a meeting in the north at which he (Mr. Cowper) was speaking for a Unionist candidate, Lieut.-Col. Peck, D. S. O. On that occasion Mr. Manson was leading a band of young men intent on disturbing the meeting.

Needless to say Mr. Manson was on his feet in a moment, but the Speaker poured oil on the troubled waters and Mr. Cowper resumed his speech.

Expensive "Vaudeville."  
In view of the present world conditions and the conditions of the province generally Mr. Cowper was somewhat out of patience with the heated passages which had passed between the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Government. He would prefer to have more business and less personality, as he chose to call it. One honorable gentleman was rising from his honorable seat and barking like an honorable dog with the supporters of each one handing to each other cheap witticisms, was how the House appeared to him from where he sat. It reminded him of the minstrel show of the past with the corner men doing the comic stuff. "We are running an expensive vaudeville show at an expense to the people of some two thousand dollars a day for about fifty days of the year," said the Vancouver member as he further sought to rub in his point. And while on the theme of economy he could see considerable

benefit in the reduction of representation in the House down to the level of an average aldermanic board. He would suggest three members for Vancouver and two for Victoria.

That Lawyer's Bill.  
Then he went on to deal with what he dubbed the only personal matter he wished to speak about. The Leader of the Opposition had inferred by his question on the order paper that his payment by the Government of his counsel, in connection with the Canadian Northern campaign gift charges against the late Attorney-General, was in satisfaction of a purely personal liability. Mr. Cowper wished to create a different impression. He had not asked the Government to pay the bill but he had written to the late Premier and placed the matter before him in the light of his having taken the course he did in the interests of the province, while what other personal out of pocket costs he had been put to, and which were not included in the Government disbursement, he chose to regard as his contribution in the interests of good Government.

Doing Great Work.  
With regard to the returned soldier question Mr. Cowper thought the members of the House should have some insight of what was being done for the erstwhile warrior at the B. C. University. He felt that it was not generally known by the members, because each one who had spoken had more or less tempered his remarks with an apologetic touch for an alleged backwardness on the part of the province. It was a fact, however, that a great work was being done at the University and in proof of his assertion Mr. Cowper gave an interesting review of the soldier work in the institution and pleaded the hope that the University would soon get the required financial aid to ensure additional accommodation and the realization of its original aims on the Point Grey site.

Incidentally Mr. Cowper stated that the Military authorities had taken a site at Point Grey for the erection of new headquarters of Military District No. 11.

Hon. J. D. MacLean adjoined the debate.

SUN LIFE OF CANADA IN  
STRONG POSITION.

As will be seen from the essential features of its year's operations set forth elsewhere in this issue, Canada's largest life assurance company has just closed a highly satisfactory year. Total assurance in force on the books of the Sun Life of Canada have now crossed the \$311,000,000 mark, assurance issued and paid for in cash during the year totalling over \$17,800,000, the largest amount ever issued by a Canadian life company.

During the year the Sun Life of Canada, paid policyholders, in death claims, matured endowments, profits, etc., the sum of \$8,840,245, bringing the total payments to policyholders since organization to over \$69,000,000. Other features which are worthy of note are an increase of over \$7,000,000 in assets, which now stand at \$90,000,000 in round figures, and a net surplus over all liabilities, including capital, which now totals over \$8,550,000.

Altogether, such a showing will be gratifying to the Company's many policyholders and indicates that its conservatively managed Company is in an even stronger position to-day than at any time in its history.

The Company's Head Office staff is now installed in the fine new Sun Life Building recently erected on Dominion Square, Montreal, where the adoption of the most up-to-date office equipment should result in still greater efficiency in the administration of its large business.

Bank Clearings.—The weekly report of the local clearing house shows the clearings for the week ending to-day as \$1,807,195 as against \$1,777,737 for the corresponding week of last year.

PACIFIC GREAT EASTERN  
DIFFICULTIES EXPLAINED  
BY MINISTER OF RAILWAYSHon. John Oliver Outlines History of Transaction  
for Benefit of Legislature and Suggests Steps to  
Be TakenLegislative Press Gallery,  
March 13.

That as well as imparting to the Legislature his proposals regarding the future of the Pacific Great Eastern railway system, recently turned over to this Province, Premier Oliver would review the whole history of the enterprise from the date of its inception, was foreshadowed in these columns yesterday, together with an outline of the essential features of the proposals referred to. The Prime Minister related the story this afternoon to the House in Committee of the whole. The committee had to deal with a resolution which takes the form of the full text of the agreement entered into between the Company and the Province and signed in Seattle a week or so ago. The general terms of that document are sufficiently well-known by this time to obviate the necessity of referring to them at any length here. What is being asked of the Legislature by the Premier is the ratification of the settlement which released the Railway Company from its obligations and "enriched" the Province with one railway system.

Invited Full Discussion.

Mr. Oliver commenced by telling the House that he preferred the matter to be discussed in Committee so that the more or less customary restraint maintained during the ordinary debates of the Legislature would be removed and give every member sufficient elbow room to air his opinions and provide the Government with the various points of view on a matter bristling with so many difficulties. The Premier did not miss much of the melancholy business in his recital, neither did he disguise his apprehension for the future fate of the line. He said he wished the members of the Legislature, however, to view the matter in the most practical light having regard to all the circumstances which had surrounded the launching of the enterprise, the liabilities already weighing on the Province, and the future liabilities that would be incurred by the adoption of the proposals which he had placed before the committee.

Equal Responsibility.

In view of the fact that it was right and necessary for the members of the Government to point the way towards their experience dictated, Mr. Oliver reminded the House that legislation believed by them to be the best means of securing satisfactory results, was of necessity legislation created by the Legislature as a whole, each member bearing in consequence an equal responsibility therefor. It was with that double object in view that he moved the resolution. On account of the lateness of the afternoon hour when the Minister moved the adoption of the resolution, following his review, Mr. Oliver stated that he did not wish to dispose of the committee stage there and then. The committee thereupon rose to report progress with permission to sit again.

The Complete History.

"I think it well to briefly refer to the most prominent features in connection with this ill-conceived and grossly mismanaged undertaking," said the Premier. "For the purposes of this statement I shall refer to the firm of Foley, Welch and Stewart as the Railway Company, except in case where it is necessary to refer to them as individuals. To commence at the inception of this undertaking I may say that an agreement was entered into between Foley, Welch and Stewart, whereby a railway company was to be incorporated which was to construct, equip and operate a line of railway between Vancouver and Port George with the understanding that later on the railway would be extended to Peace River. To assist in this undertaking the Government agreed to guarantee the principal and interest of the Railway Company's bonds to the extent of \$35,000 per mile for each and every mile of such railway."

Pressure to Purchase.

Mr. Oliver said that the agreement made with the Government having been made and ratified by the Legislature and the Railway Company incorporated, one of the first acts of the Railway Company was to purchase the property and undertaking of the Howe Sound & Northern Railway Company. "I mention this now for the reason that in the negotiations which have taken place in respect to the agreement, which I am now asking the Legislature to ratify, it was alleged repeatedly that the late Government had by pressure forced the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company to purchase the property of the Howe Sound & Northern Railway Company, at a price largely in excess of its real value. P. Welch, in claiming that he was a heavy loser in this transaction, spoke very strongly in respect to the Railway Company being forced to purchase this property," declared the Premier.

Welch's Profits.

The report of the Pacific Great Eastern Committee, he recounted, showed a table which he understood to mean gave the percentage of profits made by subcontractors, and that they ranged from one to thirty-two per cent. In addition to those subcontractors' profits, the contract afforded P. Welch profits aggregating over \$5,000,000. "Now, Mr. Chairman," the Premier went on, "some newspapers have characterized my statements, and actions in respect to this Railway as being actuated by personal vindictiveness rather than a sincere regard for the interests of the Province. Indeed, Sir, this attitude was taken by the member for Fort George

I cannot and do not claim that the province will get value for the liabilities which she has, I do claim that the contractors will not have so much as a single dollar of profit to carry away with them.

Liability Already Created.

"There is little that is new in what I have said," he went on, "and the public generally will naturally say what of the future? It has already been said that in entering into the agreement now before us, that we are assuming a liability which the Province cannot carry. I say that such a statement is untrue. The future liability is not created by this agreement or by any legislation which may result therefrom. This liability was created by the agreement of 1912, and further added to in 1914 and 1916. Neither the present nor any future conditions which may arise are created by this agreement nor can this Government be fairly held responsible for what the future may hold in respect to this undertaking, except to the extent that any wrongdoing on their part may create a responsibility.

Hardships.

"At the present time," Mr. Oliver said, "I am in receipt of letters and telegrams telling me of investments jeopardised, shortage of food for man and beast; without a vestige of legal authority behind me, I have had to instruct the Chief Engineer to take all possible steps to relieve the situation. I have had no hesitation in doing so. I believe the good judgment of this House will uphold me in what has been done in this respect. But, Sir, what of the future? I realize that it may cost forty-five or fifty, even sixty millions of dollars to complete this railway to a proper connection with steamer navigation on the great Peace River, and with the other railway systems in Alberta."

Would Not Be Left.

"I realize further," he said, "the apparent hopelessness of this Province unaided carrying this great project through to a successful completion, but I have faith in the future, and I say that we do not have to stand alone. I believe in the efficacy of the Confederation of the Dominion. I believe that the Dominion of Canada will not be less just or generous to British Columbia than she has been to McKenzie and Mann, and I cannot, and will not believe that we shall be left to bear this burden unaided."

Rails O. K.

The Premier informed the House that the contract for the supply of 20,000 tons of steel rails and fittings was still in good standing, and that banking arrangements have been made for the financing of the matter.

In conclusion Mr. Oliver fully explained his proposals with regard to the future of the railway, as mentioned in their entirety in yesterday's issue of The Times.

## TO BECOME O. C.

Maj. Walter Bapty, M. D., Recommended to Command at Esquimalt and Reithaven.

It is understood that Major Walter Bapty, M. D., who returned from active service at the front where, on two occasions he was wounded as well as twice being gassed, has been recommended as O. C. of Esquimalt and Reithaven military hospitals, and that he will take up the positions shortly.

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Several proposals looking to a settlement of this dispute between the Railway Company and the Government were made. These proposals, though differing somewhat in form, were essentially the same in effect, namely, that the Government should accept the assets of the Railway Company, of the Equipment Company and of the Development Company, in full satisfaction of all its claims, both against the Railway Company, and against Foley, Welch & Stewart, as guarantors. These tentative offers were rejected as insufficient. Another proposal was a valuation of the properties, the allowance to the contractor of ten per cent. profit, and the payment of any difference that might be found due. A proposed basis for a valuation was carefully prepared by S. S. Taylor, counsel for the Government, but this proposal was not acceptable to the Railway Company. "So far from any attempt to pursue the defendants in this matter vindictively," the Minister stated, "I have throughout always taken a position favorable to a settlement were a justifiable settlement obtainable."

Two Courses Open.

Mr. Oliver declared that owing to the prevailing financial stringency, the exceedingly high cost of both labor and materials so long as the railway was being operated, he did not think the province was suffering any material avoidable loss; but with the road entirely out of operation and the equipment in the possession of another corporation, one of two courses was inevitable—either a settlement had to be made or very drastic legislation, the final result of which he believed could not be accurately foretold, must be enacted.

"In the agreement before you," the Premier went on, "is contained the very best settlement which, after many weary months of effort, I was able to obtain. I do not claim that it is what the province is entitled to. I simply claim that, in my opinion, it is a little the best of the only two courses open to us. I wish to say further that this agreement was unanimously concurred in by my colleagues, and that it was approved by our late Premier by a telegram from Winnipeg, when he was on his way home." Following a complete exploration of the agreement itself, with which readers of The Times are already familiar, Mr. Oliver recounted the offers made to him by the Company which were rejected for reasons already referred to on several occasions in these columns.

No Escape Allowed.

"When a settlement was proposed on the basis of a valuation of the railway itself," observed the Premier, "and an allowance of a ten per cent. contractors' profit, I took the position that any settlement which would allow these men to escape their responsibilities with even one dollar of profit, as a result of their unlawful transactions, would be a settlement which could not be defended. I believe that under the agreement before us, whilst

## FOR FIGHTERS ONLY

Local Branch of "Comrades of the  
Great War" Formed Here  
Last Night.

A new organization, called the "Comrades of the Great War," has been established in Vancouver with S. J. Gothard as president and general secretary. Last night, in the parlor of the St. James Hotel, this city, a local branch was formed, the twenty veterans present being responsible for the election of the following local officers: President, A. Berry; vice-president, A. Kirk; secretary, A. Palmer; treasurer, R. Home; executive committee, Comrades Boag, Hurley and Smith; credentials committee, Comrades Allan and Litchfield.

The principal speakers were Sergt. Basil Taylor, M. M., and the headquarters president, who outlined the objects of the organization, which, it was explained, was not intended to run counter to any other returned soldiers' association. As to membership no man is eligible who has not been in the front line trenches and endured the rigors of trench warfare, the opinion being expressed that the Army and Navy Veterans and the Great War Veterans' Associations had many members posing as returned soldiers who had got no farther than England or a base in France.

## SAFE BETTING.

The race was over, the flag hoisted, and the crowd of fortunates who had backed the winner had gathered round the bookmaker to receive their winnings. One vacant-looking individual, who was evidently "feeling life" for the first time, claimed \$5.

"What did you back?" asked the fat-faced man with the big waist, who was standing on a stool.

"Silver Cloud," replied the vacant one.

"Why, man alive," yelled the man with the satchel, "that horse turned back and finished at the starting post!" "I know that," said the other. "But didn't I back the horse both ways?" There was a dull thud on the

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# OF VICTORIA THE NORTHWEST AND THE WORLD

## MILLIONAIRES WIN THE COAST TITLE

Vancouver Puckchasers Will Play Toronto for the Championship

## TERMINALS ANNEX TITLE BY ONE GOAL

Seattle, March 14.—Vancouver last night won the championship of the Pacific Coast Hockey Association by the margin of one single goal, in what was down in history as one of the classic games of Western America. Steady old Barney Stanley and brilliant young Mickey Mackay worked the combination which spelled ruin to the Mets, world's championship aspiration, stinging over a quick passed goal in the middle of the second period.

This was the only game of the season in which Vancouver has defeated Seattle in the Metropolitan's stronghold. With the betting odds quoted at two to one against them because of this fact, the Millionaires gathered together all their reserve strength and in one grand final drive won the championship and with it the right to play in the world's series.

Seattle Favorites.

The official score of the two-game series is three to two for Vancouver. Seattle was a decided favorite for the final game and the series.

Three thousand five hundred raving maniacs packed the arena. All seats were sold out a day in advance, and standing room only was offered yesterday. The crowd was the wildest aggregation that ever gathered in the local stadium, and the racket was heard for blocks. The fans were very fair in their judgment of the play, giving Vancouver a good share of the applause whenever merited. Even when the game was over and the honors had definitely slipped from Seattle's grasp, the crowd acted the part of good sports and cheered the winners heartily.

Had to Be Herded.

As for the winning team, when the play was over and they realized that the day was won, they yelled and howled and skated in circles and had to be herded into their dressing room, or they would have still been congratulating each other when the 11:30 boat left for Vancouver.

## CANNEFAX WINS FIRST BLOCK FOR THE WORLD THREE-CUSHION TITLE

Chicago, March 14.—Robert Cannefax, of St. Louis, won the first block of his match with Augie Kleckhefer for the world's three-cushion billiard championship last night, fifty to forty-two, in fifty-eight innings. Cannefax, the challenger, was behind throughout most of the block but by a beautiful spurt near the end overcame the champion's lead and thereafter was never in danger.

Each played a steady game, with the St. Louisian scoring a little more consistently than Kleckhefer. Cannefax made the high run by scoring six consecutive points, while Kleckhefer was one behind him.

## CHAMPIONS ARE ON THEIR WAY EAST

Vancouver, March 14.—The Vancouver hockey team, winners of the P. C. H. L. championship, arrived home this morning from Seattle, where they achieved their notable victory last night, and left at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Toronto, whence they hope to return with the world's championship honors. The team is accompanied by President Frank Patrick and a few others, making a party of about fifteen in all. They go east by way of Chicago and expect to arrive in Toronto next Wednesday.

## PLAYER SIGNED.

St. Louis, March 14.—Roger Hornby, shortstop for the St. Louis Nationals, signed a contract last night to play with that club this season. According to a telegram from President Branch Rickey, who went to San Antonio last Sunday for a conference with the player. The salary agreement was not stated.

## GIBBONS GIVES K. O.

Baltimore, March 14.—Tommy Gibbons, of St. Paul, knocked out Silent Martin, of Brooklyn, in the tenth round here last night.

## TORONTO CAPTURES ICE CHAMPIONSHIP

Winners of Eastern Hockey Defeated Canadiens Last Evening

Montréal, March 14.—Toronto three, Canadiens four. Toronto has captured the N. H. A. championship, winning the series by ten to seven.

Last night's game was rough, with the Canadiens contributing most of the penalty list. The Frenchmen played an individual game for the most part. Toronto never forgot the lead they enjoyed, and whenever in real danger dropped into a defensive which easily and successfully checked the one-man efforts of the Frenchmen.

Cameron and Randall, of the Torontos, were marked men, but notwithstanding this they played a consistent game. They were injured severely early in the game, but after a short absence from the ice, returned to play for the remainder of the evening, obviously suffering from the effects of the rough handling they had received. Holmes did some sensational net-tending for Torontos, and only let the puck get by him when the championship was virtually assured for his team.

For the Canadiens, brilliant work was done by Lalonde and Hall, though much of it went for nothing, owing to the cleverness of the Toronto defence. The officials always kept a tight grip on the game, and nipped in the bud every outburst of rough work.

## GARRISON B TEAM WON AT WORK POINT

"A" Club Found Veterans Had Plenty of Staying Power

The Garrison B football team defeated the A club at Work Point yesterday afternoon in a Wednesday contest of the new Garrison Charity Cup series. The score was three goals to one.

Play during the first half was somewhat rugged. The combination was loose, and misplays were not infrequent. The winners, composed of the old-line Garrison team were given a close race by their junior opponents the A aggregation. The first score was put in by Filmore of the B team after about fifteen minutes of play, but it was soon evened up by the A men from a penalty.

The work of the second half was a great improvement. Both teams were in top-notch form, and they set a pace that kept Referee Willacy on the jump continually. After thirty minutes the Juniors began to show some signs of weariness. It was the signal for the veterans to show their mettle. Pretty combination gave Filmore the chance to make another tally, and the final score was rung in a few minutes later from Cummins.

The junior team, despite its loss showed signs of developing into a strong eleven. The players were aggressive, pressing their opponents at all times. The shooting of the forwards was poor, and will need considerable improving before the players will feel at all certain of their powers.

The clubs lined up as follows: Garrison B (the old-timers)—Goal, Bromley; backs, Loughlin, Pickett; halves, McLeod, Pettierew and Frankish; forwards, Gale, Sweeney, Filmore, Cummins and Buxton. Garrison A—Goal, Lomas, backs, Watt and Church; halves, Parker, Hooper and Boyd; forwards, Flinton, Mercer, Sharrott, Weeks and Potts. Referee, Willacy.

## DISCUSS RULES FOR ALLAN CUP MATCHES

Toronto, March 14.—At a meeting of representatives from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario, together with H. R. Northey, of Montreal, chairman of the Allan Cup trustees, held yesterday, ways and means of conducting the Allan Cup series so that it will be satisfactory to all concerned were discussed at length. It was agreed that in the future all elimination and final games will be played in one city of a province. Toronto was named for Ontario; Montreal for Quebec; Winnipeg for Manitoba, and Regina for Saskatchewan. This was decided upon in order to cut down expenses and also that all games will be played in uniform and well-lighted rinks.

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## LOCAL CRICKETERS IN ANNUAL SESSION

Officers Elected for Coming Year; Entries Called for Divisions

If last evening's annual general meeting of the Victoria and District Cricket Association exemplified the enthusiasm that is to prevail during the coming summer, the capital may look forward to some first-class cricket. The attendance was large and gave indication that the number of clubs interested is to be as great as that in 1917. The meeting was held in the school room of St. George's Church, Cathedral square.

The following officers were elected to act for the coming year: Honorary president, John Virtue; honorary vice-presidents, Col. Cunliffe, the Dean of Columbia, ex-Chief Justice Wetmore, the Bishop of Columbia, A. E. Foreman, A. N. Mount, George Gillespie; president, P. C. Payne; vice-president, R. B. Patten; honorary secretary-treasurer, E. R. Lock; assistant secretary, A. Booth; auditor, Lieut. Robertson.

President Payne reviewing the work of the past season referred to the well-known cricketers who had paid the supreme sacrifice. Throughout the year co-operation offered by gentlemen in the city in the matter of donating trophies had been most generous. A second division had been inaugurated and junior cricket had made a very creditable showing. It during the coming summer it was found advisable to form a Wednesday league in addition to the First and Second Divisions, the president was able to say that he had received the offer of a very handsome shield. The speaker suggested that the matter of the local league leaders playing those of Vancouver for the provincial championship should receive consideration.

The secretary, E. R. Lock, reviewed the executive work of the year and submitted the financial report; the general fund showing a balance on hand of \$16.13. As a result of the Great War Challenge Cup competition \$115.55 was handed to the Red Cross.

A committee composed of Messrs. Ackroyd, Lieut. Robertson, H. A. Goward and the president was appointed to draw up a set of rules for the War Cup competition. Their findings will be referred to the executive of the Association for ratification.

Efforts will be made in the near future to arrange for the Victoria and Vancouver league leaders to play for the provincial championship.

The question of an umpires' association was also discussed and it was decided that the names of all those willing to act should be sent to the secretary at the earliest possible date.

## CIVILIANS WON GAME OF FRIENDLY SOCCER FROM SAILORS' TEAM

The V. I. A. A. Wednesday footballers defeated the eleven of H. M. Cruiser in a friendly soccer match at Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon by a score of four goals to one. After the termination of the first half of the contest the civilians did not have much difficulty in disposing with their opponents.

The slope favored the sailors in the first period. They held the locals to an even score and at the end of the period the tally was one goal all, each having been scored from corner kicks. The V. I. A. A. was the first to net the pigskin, Payne giving the well-placed corner drive that enabled Fletcher to find the goal. The civilians had a little the better of the play although lack of combination was noticeable on both sides.

With the slope in their favor the civilians easily took the lead in the second period. Two goals were added to their score in quick succession, while a penalty for hands in front of the net gave them the final point.

The match was refereed by Fred Jones.

## INFANTRY TEAMS PLAY FINE BASKETBALL IN GAME AT THE WILLOWS

Some fast basketball was seen at the Willows Camp last evening when teams representing No. 2 and No. 3 Companies of the 2nd Depot Battalion fought it out before a gathering of some two hundred spectators from the Infantry and Medical units.

No. 3 Company proved victorious by a wide margin, the score being thirty points to nine, although both clubs showed themselves to possess real live material. The quintette of No. 2 in fact would, on last evening's play, stand an excellent chance of annexing the honors in a city league.

## NEW SCHEDULE WILL BE DRAWN FOR PLAY

First Basketball Games of Senior League Played Last Night

Owing to the inability of the Presbyterians to field three teams in the senior basketball league of the Sunday School Athletic Association it has been decided to drop the C Club. Officials of the league made this announcement this morning, and decided to get busy on the draft of a new schedule that will be made necessary by the change.

Last evening at the Y. M. C. A. the first games of the series were played. The Metropolitan B team defeated the Presbyterian B by twenty-six points to six. The Presbyterians lacked both combination and ability for shooting. Practice, however, is all that is needed. The guards did some close checking. The Metropolitan players were noticeably better in their combination, and were also superior in shooting.

Knott was high scorer with seventeen points to his credit. The teams were: Presbyterian B—McLorrie, J. Bartholomew, F. Jones, V. Duncan and P. McEachern. Metropolitan B—W. L. Knott, C. Campbell, W. Lewis, C. Ross and J. Robinson.

In the second match of the evening the Presbyterians came to the front with a rush. Their A team defeated the Metropolitan A club by fifty-three points to twelve.

The line-up: Presbyterian A—G. Forbes, Angus McKinnon, Archie McKinnon, G. Millard and J. Copithorne. Metropolitan A—A. Jones, W. Groppo, F. Andrews, J. Lewis and H. Lewis.

High scorers were G. Forbes and Angus McKinnon with sixteen each and A. Jones with ten.

On Saturday the Presbyterian C team will not play the Fairfield Methodist. A game has been arranged, however, between the Y. M. C. A. seniors and the Outlaws led by C. Hay. The match will follow the league fixture between the Three C's and the Congregationals.

## EMPRESS BILLIARDS.

An interesting match was played last evening in the billiard handicap at the Empress Hotel. Sale (owes 100) won from Sutton (owes 40) by 99 odd points. Sale was in great form making from 15 to 30 every time he went to the table. His highest break was 57; Sutton's being 27.

## LADIES' TEAM PLAY FURTHER GAMES FOR DIVISION STANDING

In the gymnasium of the First Presbyterian Church last evening two games were played in the Ladies' Division of the Sunday School Athletic Association Basketball League.

The Presbyterian B team won from the Fairfield Methodists by 11 points to 4. Two of the best players of the losing club were absent, detracting much from the team work.

In the second game the Pilgrims won 15 points to 11 from the Methodists.

The teams were as follows: Fairfield Methodists—Winona Ross, Beatrice Pearce, Mildred Osterhout, Eva Pommerville and Thelma Owen.

Presbyterian B—Jessie Moffatt, Dorothy Aird, Marjorie Dunn, Jean Taylor and Lena Saxsmith.

Pilgrims—Edith Grant, Reta Hatch, Gwen Hole, Alberta Hurst and Alma Lyche.

Methodists—Elsie Wilby, Miss Long, Miss Jasper, Eleanor Haddon and Edna Leigh.

## UNIVERSITY DEFEATED.

Toronto, March 14.—University of Toronto schools was defeated by De La Salle in the second game of the Junior O. H. A. semi-finals here last night by a score of ten to five. De La Salle winning the round by nineteen to ten. The winners will now meet Barrie in the final.

## NO OFFER MADE.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 14.—When asked whether an offer of \$120,000 had been made from New Orleans to stage the proposed Willard-Pulton championship bout in that city, Jess Willard said he knew nothing of any such offer. Willard said he expected to hear of an agreement from Kansas City to-day.

## MILITARY ORDERS

The following transfers are authorized by the G. O. C.:

From First Depot Battalion, B. C. R. C. E. F., to Sixth Field Company, C. E. F.: Ptes. J. Stephenson, N. E. Greebe, D. Hazenby, W. J. Stevenson, T. J. Thomas, F. Smith, T. G. Barnett.

From First Depot Battalion, B. C. R. C. E. F., to Sixty-eighth Depot Battery, C. E. F.: Ptes. C. M. Scott, G. W. Coughlan, R. Clarke, W. Banton.

From Second Depot Battalion, B. C. R. C. E. F., to No. 5 Co. H. C. G. A.: C. E. F. Reinf. Ptes. J. Gibb, J. H. Lussie, J. S. Herd, J. B. Todd, A. E. Spragge, B. R. Lemon, E. Jones, J. Ferrie, S. Hanna, H. McLeod, F. Ray, G. Henshall, D. Buchanan.

From No. 11 Casualty Unit, C. E. F., to "J" Unit, M. H. C. C.—Ptes. F. Varrick, R. McK. Tilton.

From No. 11 Casualty Unit, C. E. F., to No. 11 Special Service Co., C. E. F.: Ptes. W. Jenkins, Sergt. F. A. Jackson, Pte. T. George.

From "J" Unit, M. H. C. C. to First

Depot Battalion, B. C. R. C. E. F.—Ptes. G. D. Evans, Sergt. A. Harris. From No. 11 Casualty Unit, C. E. F., to First Depot Battalion, B. C. R. C. E. F.—Ptes. E. G. Forest.

Attached to "J" Unit.

The following officers are attached to "J" Unit, M. H. C. C. for treatment: Lieuts. J. R. Gittins, 78th Regt., Manitoba Regt.; H. C. Weaver, 1st Reserve Battalion, C. E. F.; T. Elrington, 2nd Battalion, C. E. F.; J. Coleman, 10th Reserve Battalion, C. E. F.; G. A. Bray, C. F. A., C. E. F.

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## THE WEATHER

Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 14.—5 a.m.—An ocean storm area centred north of Vancouver Island is causing southerly gales on the coast and rainy, mild weather is becoming general. The temperature is about zero in the prairie provinces and will rise there to-day.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.31; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 43; wind, 4 miles S. E.; cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.35; temperature, maximum yesterday, 49; minimum, 42; wind, 8 miles E.; raining.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.38; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 35; wind, 4 miles E.; fair.

Barberville—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; minimum, 22; wind, 3 miles S. W.; cloudy.

Princes Rupert—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 38; wind, 12 miles E.; rain, 38; raining.

Tatlah—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 40; wind, 38 miles S. E.; rain, 35; raining.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.42; temperature, maximum yesterday, 43; minimum, 37; wind, 4 miles S. W.; clear.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.42; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 41; wind, 10 miles S. E.; rain, 30; cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.39; temperature, maximum yesterday, 58; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles N.; clear.

Temperature.

Penticton ..... 48 ..

Grand Forks ..... 46 ..

Calgary ..... 40 ..

Edmonton ..... 42 ..

Qu'Appelle ..... 38 ..

Winnipeg ..... 35 ..

Toronto ..... 36 ..

Ottawa ..... 32 ..

Montreal ..... 32 ..

St. John ..... 32 ..

There lives in Providence a very matter-of-fact man whose wife is, and always has been, a bit sentimental and fond of trying to draw from husband those little endearments he has ever failed to furnish.

"I suppose," said she, on one occasion, "if you should meet some pretty girl you would cease to care for me."

"What nonsense you talk," said the husband. "What do I care for youth or beauty? You suit me all right."—New York Times.

## NORTH COWICHAN RED CROSS DOES GOOD WORK

Duncan, March 14.—At the monthly meeting of the directors of the North Cowichan Red Cross Branch held in the Odd Fellow's Hall here yesterday it was decided to send \$500 in cash to headquarters. Materials for sewing to about the same amount are on order, and a balance of about \$500 will remain on hand.

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## ONTARIO TEMPERANCE ACT BEING CHANGED

Toronto, March 14.—Hon. W. D. McPherson introduced in the Legislature here yesterday for first reading a bill to amend the Ontario Temperance Act.

The main changes are that manufacturers of cider must get a permit from the Ontario License Board and a provision to allow names of men to be removed from the "Indian list."

The amendments also demand that all prescriptions must bear a certificate showing the liquor is the minimum allowed and all vendors or druggists must put on the bottle the names of the physicians and the date issued.

The bill also provides that any person accepting liquor except the consignment shall be deemed to have committed a breach of the act and the liquor can be confiscated. This is to prevent shipping to fake addresses.

Extracts which contain alcohol must be sold in quantities larger than 2½ ounces. This is to prevent the wholesale distribution of essences of ginger and other drugs. New clauses also are added to coincide with the new Dominion Act. Intoxicated persons may be arrested without a warrant and brewers are to be exempted from municipal taxes, the same as last year.

## SUN LIFE KEEPS GROWING

THE results of operations for the year 1917 show a continuance of the notable expansion that has marked the career of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. In Assets, Income, Surplus, New Business and Total Business in Force substantial increases are recorded over the corresponding figures for previous years.

## RESULTS FOR 1917

Assets at December 31st, 1917.	\$90,160,174.00
Increase	7,211,178.00
Cash Income	19,288,997.00
Increase	789,886.00
New Assurances issued and Paid for in Cash.	47,811,597.00
Increase	5,039,270.00
Assurances in Force at December 31st, 1917.	311,870,945.00
Increase	30,436,245.00
Profits paid or allotted to Policyholders	1,560,389.00
Increase	449,488.00
Profits paid or allotted to Policyholders, in past five years	5,224,963.93
Total Payments to Policyholders, 1917.	8,840,245.00
Payments to Policyholders since organization	\$69,094,316
Assets held for Policyholders	90,160,174
Premiums received since organization.	\$159,254,400
Payments to Policyholders and Assets held for them exceed the premiums received by	138,861,226
Undivided surplus at December 31st, 1917, over all liabilities including capital	\$5,893,264
	8,550,761.00

## THE COMPANY'S GROWTH

YEAR	INCOME	ASSETS	LIFE ASSURANCE IN FORCE
1872	\$ 48,210.73	\$ 38,461.95	\$ 1,004,360.00
1897	477,410.05	1,312,504.43	20,873,777.00
1897	2,288,894.74	7,822,371.44	44,988,796.70
1907	6,240,288.55	26,488,896.15	111,138,604.88
1917	19,288,997.68	90,160,174.24	311,870,945.71

The Company takes this opportunity of thanking its policyholders and the public generally for the continued confidence and good-will of which the above figures give such strong evidence.

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Help to Produce Food—Don't Miss Big Food Production and Economy Meeting, New High School Auditorium, 8 p. m. Wednesday, March 13. Professor Lionel Stevenson on "What Varieties of Seed to Sow in Your Kitchen Garden." Miss Juniper, late of McDonald College, Guelph, on "Kitchen Economy in War Time." Excellent Musical Programme; intervals for discussion; no admission; no collection; everybody welcome. Food will win the war—produce it!

## One Lady May Learn of A Joke On Her



A lady who could not drink cocoa unless made with pure cream drank three cups of it made with Pacific Milk, at a meeting of a committee, the other afternoon. Not only that, but she cited this particular cocoa as an example of how much "nicer" cocoa is when made with pure cream. It shows me that where no prejudice exists Pacific Milk takes the place of cream for anything. J. J.

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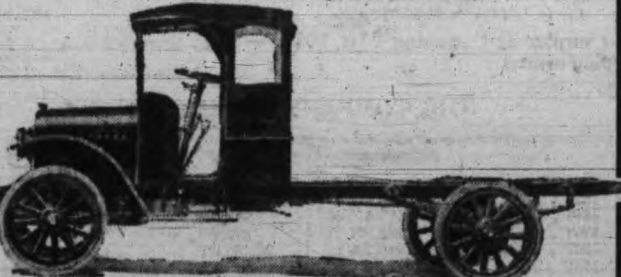
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## BOARD OF INQUIRY REGARDING SHIPYARD WAGES DISPUTE OPENS

(Continued from page 1.)

Dakera's Testimony.  
J. Dakera testified to the letters sent to Victoria and district firms enclosing copies of the draft agreement, on similar lines to that which previously had been submitted in Vancouver and Seattle. Also replies to the effect that it was desired to await decision of the Washington Board. Various other exhibits were handed in, including a letter in October from the Foundation Co. with reference to the "sympathetic" strike in Seattle, from Mr. Butchart, from Yarrow's, Ltd., from Cameron-Genoa Mills, the latter expressing surprise at the agitation for wages seeing it had been decided to await the decision in the United States. Still, they were willing to pay from September 1 the wages paid on the Pacific Coast, but if organization decided to go on strike it was felt it might be advisable to close the yards down until January 1. The Victoria Machinery Co. also wrote in October, as did the naval commander at Esquimalt with regard to the proposed meeting.

Two Companies Only.  
Proceeding, Mr. Dakera said it was only the Cameron-Genoa and the Foundation Companies who agreed that wages should be retroactive from September 1. Fred W. Welch, secretary of the Vancouver Metal Trades Council, handed in an additional exhibit, after which James Dakera testified to what took place at meeting on October 9 at the office of Mr. Butchart where there were also present Messrs. Wm. Elliott, of Ship Carpenters; Fox, Plumbers; Schofield Hardy, of Federal Laborers; Brumfield, Carpenters; and Carmichael, the boiler makers. Mr. Bishop, of the Foundation Company, then said he was prepared to pay wages at the same rates as were paid on the other side of the line, and suggested his views were going to be ratified by Mr. Butchart, and that Mr. Price was in agreement with him.

Mr. Butchart here suggested there was no uniformity of opinion on the subject on the part of all the yards, and the chairman considered it probable all were waiting for the Washington decision.

Washington Award.  
Copy of a telegram from Sir J. Flavell, Chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board, Ottawa, dated October 15, 1917, to Mr. Butchart, saying he had "wired Washington adjustment Board and will wire you again on receiving their reply," was put in; also a letter from the Victoria Machinery Co., saying the company would agree to the award of the Washington Board, and one from Yarrow's, Ltd., with reference to back adjustments of wages from October 1, which it was stated, on account of the nature of repair work done by the company, it was not feasible to make. Another letter, handed in, from the Victoria Machinery Co., was to the same effect. Assurance was given in both letters that employees "would, as in the past, be dealt with in the fairest possible way."

Copies of telegrams were put in from Mr. Butchart to Sir J. Flavell, dated November 15 and 17, and one from Mr. Butchart to Sir Joseph Flavell, the latter giving the findings of the U. S. Board as regarded carpenters and shipwrights. Also handed in was a letter from Mr. Butchart to the secretary of the Carpenters' Brotherhood, with reference to Washington's decision as to carpenters' wages, and the latter's reply.

Foundation Company.  
Mr. Dakera certified the correctness of a letter from the Foundation Company dated the 17th of November, in which it was stated that if an extra award was given in Washington, the company would make a corresponding increase in the rates of the company, subject to the agreement being endorsed by the American Federation of Labor. The same witness certified the resolution by the Metal Trades Council, Victoria, as their line of action, in which resolution it was mentioned that the decision of the U. S. Adjustment Board being considered unsatisfactory, the same be protested and that the matter be taken up so as to reach a fair decision.

Strike Benefits.  
"I suppose there are strike benefits if a strike is on?" inquired the chairman.

"Yes," replied Mr. Dakera. "Are they furnished by the International Council or through the local funds?"

"In the majority of cases," replied witness, "the funds come from headquarters."

"Does each separate craft have to finance its own strike?"

In reply witness said there were many organizations which were not in being, as it were, to get the necessary funds, and in the large number of cases the funds came from headquarters.

Fair Majority.  
"If men vote against a strike can the Council still have authority to declare one?" inquired Commissioner Tonkin.

Witness thought no such thing would be done without having a fair majority in favor. Many more exhibits were put in, and Mr. Dakera alluded to there having been very considerable and united opposition to the Macy Award and that he told the men they would later get satisfaction. This, however, had not come to pass.

DEATH OF MRS. A. WHYTE  
Wife of Alex. Whyte, Passed Away Yesterday; Was Thirty-Four Years in Victoria.

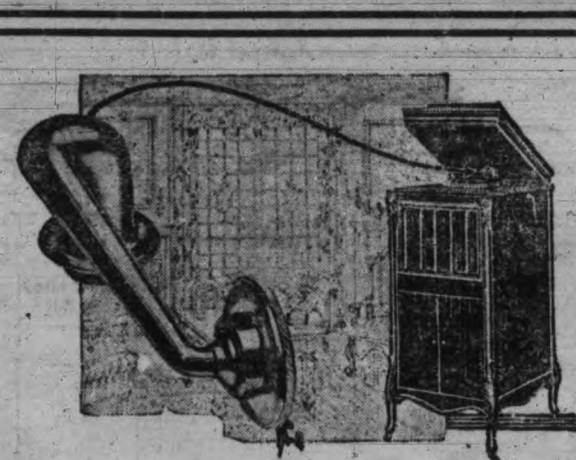
Victoria lost another of her old-time residents yesterday morning when the death occurred of Mrs. Mary Whyte, beloved wife of Alexander M. Whyte, of 155 Rendall Street. The late Mrs. Whyte was born in Greenock, Scotland, in 1852, and came to Canada thirty-four years ago, settling in this city.

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Oxo, large tin	23c	Sliced Pineapple, per tin	14c
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She was taken ill two years ago, but never regained her health, and six months ago suffered a relapse and had been confined to her bed ever since. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, two sons, Robert Whyte, of Victoria, and E. M. Whyte, of Alberni; two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Renfree, of Cedar Hill Road, and Miss Lexie Whyte, living at home, one grandson, Mrs. George Mann, of Rainier, Ore.; and two brothers, Hugh Milne, of Australia, and Edward Milne, of Sooke.

The funeral will be held from the residence on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Rev. Joseph McCoy officiating.

## RED CROSS WORK

Cedar Chest Raffle.  
The raffle for the cedar chest donated to the Red Cross by the Cameron Lumber Company will be drawn to-morrow (Friday) at 3 o'clock at the Toggery Shop, 1218 Douglas Street. The last of the limited number of tickets provided for this raffle will probably be sold to-day. Early applicants at the Toggery Shop or at the Superfluous Belmont House, can secure some of the last tickets.

Royal Oak Branch.  
An illustrated lecture "Britain and her Allies" by Mr. Hodgkinson will be given in the Royal Oak Hall on Friday at 8 o'clock, a musical programme will include solos by J. O. Dunford and others. The entire proceeds will be used for the work of the Red Cross.

North Ward Branch.  
The usual fortnightly Five Hundred tournament will be held at the North Ward rooms in the Scott Building to-night at 8.15 precisely. Parties may make up their own tables. Good prizes have been donated and a big attendance is anticipated.

ESQUIMALT DOG TAX.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above Tax is due and payable at the Municipal Office, Esquimalt, on or before the first day of March, 1918. Owners who have failed to pay by the above date are liable to legal proceedings without further notice.  
G. E. PULLEN, Treasurer.  
Esquimalt, March 14th, 1918.













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## MOVED HIS TROOPS NEARER TO PEKING

Actions of Governor of Mukden Province Watched in China

Peking, March 11.—(Delayed)—The mysterious movement of troops by Governor Chang Soulin, of Mukden Province, coupled with the reported desire of President Feng Kwo Chang to resign, is causing speculation in the capital. Governor Chang Soulin recently intercepted a large shipment of arms from Japan intended for the use of the Chinese Government. The seizure was made on the allegation that there was danger of the arms falling into the hands of the enemy of the northern military leaders through machinations in the Government. Shortly thereafter Chang Soulin began to move his troops southward, ostensibly to aid the northern leaders against the southern rebels. His troops are now at Luan Chow, Chang Kwan, and Tientsin, in Chi Li province, in which Peking is also situated.

President Feng's desire to resign was expressed at a Cabinet meeting, where he produced a telegram which he proposed to send to the Provisional Government declaring that the situation was too difficult for him to solve.

## HUGHES, AUSTRALIA, MAY LOSE SUPPORT OF SIR WM. IRVINE

Vancouver, March 14.—A special cable to The Vancouver World from Sydney, N. S. W., to-day says Sir William Irvine, who has a following of sixteen members in the House of Representatives, threatens to withdraw his support from Mr. Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia, with whom he strongly disagrees on the question of conscription. While this defection would greatly weaken the Hughes administration, it would not necessarily mean its downfall, as the Prime Minister still may command enough support to "carry on."

Nine persons were killed and many injured by the cyclone which swept over North Queensland on Monday. Several towns between Cookton and Cairns were demolished. At Cardwell sixteen inches of rain fell in twenty-four hours. Practically every house in the Innisfail and Atherton districts was demolished. No lives were lost.

## A PRAYER.

God, canst Thou still see us  
In all our misery and pain?  
God, canst Thou still hear us  
When we call on Thee in vain?  
Have our sins obscured Thy heathens  
That Thy light cannot behold  
A world that has forgotten  
All Thy Son has told?  
Does the din of strife and battle  
Drown the cries of human woe?  
Lord, help us who are perishing,  
Lord, help us face the foe.

Trim Thy lamps still brighter  
That Thou may surely see  
What Thy children suffer  
Since we turned away from Thee.  
Open Thy gates still wider,  
Oh! hear us as we cry,  
Lord, draw nearer—nearer,  
Or Truth itself must die.  
We'll leave it all behind us,  
The sins of yesterday,  
If Thou, Lord, wilt draw near us  
And hearken as we pray.

LAURA LEWIN.

## NUMBERING A CROWD.

It is remarkable how the average civilian over-estimates the number of persons in a big procession. Take, for example, a recent demonstration in London. It was said that there were about 15,000 men in the ranks. Enthusiasts put it even at 20,000. But it is easy to estimate such numbers approximately. Here is the rule as laid down in the "Field Service Regulations" of the United States Army: "The strength of a body of troops may be estimated from the length of time it takes to pass a given point."

"Assuming that infantry in column of four occupies half a yard per man, cavalry one yard per trooper, and artillery in single column per gun or caisson, a given point would be passed in one minute by 175 infantry, 110 cavalry at a walk, 200 cavalry at a trot and five guns or caissons."

Allowing for spacing between companies, battalions, and regiments, all of which is according to mathematical rule, it takes a regiment of 1,000 men divided into battalions just ten minutes to pass, or at the rate of 6,000 an hour. And this supposes no breaks in the line. These rules, it must be remembered, are for trained soldiers used to a long step and to keeping up without straggling. No civilians, even militant suffragettes, ever have kept or could keep up this pace.—Tit-Bits.

## CANADA FOOD BOARD TO PREVENT WASTE

Regulations Just Framed Give Board Power to Inflict Punishment

Ottawa, March 14.—The following statement was issued this afternoon by the Canada Food Board:

"Wasteful waste of any food products, resulting from carelessness in manufacture or storage or any other avoidable cause, is now illegal and subject to heavy penalties. Municipalities are obligated to enforce this regulation within their respective municipal limits. An Order-in-Council has been passed embodying these provisions, which were initiated by the Canada Food Board and recommended to the Cabinet by the Minister of Agriculture."

## Power to Seize.

The Canada Food Board is given power under the order, if it has reason to believe that food in any warehouse, store, private house, building, ship, railway car or other conveyance is likely to become unfit for human consumption, to require its immediate sale or such other disposal as will prevent further deterioration or loss of the food.

"If the owner or person controlling such food upon receipt of such notice does not at once comply with the terms of the Canada Food Board's notice, the Board may seize the food and sell it, or take such other action as it may deem necessary to prevent further loss or deterioration."

Winnipeg, March 14.—The Ottawa correspondent of The Winnipeg Free Press says:

"Official announcement probably will be made in a day or so that the railway rate increases of fifteen per cent. on all passenger and freight traffic in Canada is to go into effect. It is understood that final decision was reached by the Cabinet yesterday afternoon to allow the rate increases as ordered by the Railway Board last January. The date on which the rate increases shall go into effect is as yet not definitely ascertainable, but it is likely that the Order-in-Council will fix April 1."

The rate increases are granted as a temporary war measure, thus obviating one of the objections raised against them by the Western shippers from the Railway Commission's order, namely, that if the increases were granted at all they should be only temporary increases based on war-time exigencies and not permanent increases endorsed by the Railway Board.

To meet the other main objection offered by the West, namely, that the Canadian Pacific Railway could worry along on the present rates and would unnecessarily profit by the increase in rates to the extent of from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 a year at the expense of the public, the Government is providing a special tax on railway earnings applicable under the conditions solely to the C. P. R., which will result in the returning to the national treasury and thus indirectly to the public of the Canadian Pacific Railway's extra profits.

"Until the Order-in-Council is made public the terms of this special tax will not be definitely known, but it is probable that a tax on gross earnings will be imposed above a certain amount."

## 590 RETURNED MEN COMING TO COAST

Vancouver, March 14.—There is en route to the Coast now the largest party of returned soldiers that has ever started for this side of Canada. There are 590 men in the party. The men are coming in two special trains and are expected some time next week.

## BALFOUR EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN JAPAN

London, March 14.—Speaking in the House of Commons to-day on the situation in the Far East, Foreign Secretary Balfour expressed perfect confidence in Japan's absolute loyalty in carrying out any decision that might be reached and declared that in this question he had drawn no distinction between Japan and the other Allies.

## AMERICANS CONGRATULATED.

Washington, March 14.—The American troops who repulsed the German raid on March 5 were from the Forty-Second or "Rainbow Division," which is made up of National Guardsmen. General Pershing reported to-day.

The commander of the American division was personally congratulated by General Gerard, commander of the 8th French Army, for the manner in which the Americans conducted themselves.

## General Pershing's message as given out by the War Department, follows:

"Summary of activities of Forty-Second (Rainbow) Division on night of fourth and fifth of March: Enemy attempted trench raid early morning March 5. Raid was repulsed with losses to the enemy. Our losses reported light and no missing or prisoners. General Gerard, commanding 8th French Army, congratulated division commander on way in which troops repulsed raid."

## TWO FOUND DEAD.

San Jose, Cal., March 14.—Mrs. Mary Holliday and her ten-year-old grand-daughter were found dead to-day in the Holliday home here with towels wrapped tightly around their throats. Reports to the police said the bodies had been hacked after death with a broken bottle or a knife.

## RE-TRIAL NECESSARY.

Montreal, March 14.—The jury disagreed to-day in the case of Joseph Ronapo and Salvatore Parella, who were tried here on a charge of having murdered Francisco Prietta last fall, and the two accused men will be tried again, possibly during the present sitting of the court.

## GERMAN PRISONERS IN ENGLISH AREAS BOMBED BY GERMANS

London, March 14.—German prisoners of war are to be distributed over areas which the enemy's aircraft are subjecting to attacks in their raids, according to The Evening News to-day. "This," says the newspaper, "is being done because the Allied Governments have learned that prisoners of their nationalities in German hands already have been so placed in all towns which the German Government considers likely to be attacked."

## GERMANS WORRYING ABOUT FAR EAST

Some Sections of German Press Say Berlin Has Blundered

Amsterdam, March 14.—Some sections of the German press are becoming uneasy over developments in the Far East.

The Frankfurter Zeitung considers that the breaking up of Russia into a number of independent states is a bad policy for Germany and urges that the greatest tact and prudence be used in dealing with the border states, so that they will not "in the future long for a reunion with Russia and become so many thorns in Germany's side."

The newspaper adds: "Clearly the Entente policy is to use the Japanese alliance to shove Germany out of the Asiatic markets forever. Germany played their game by breaking up Russia. Germany has no more hope than ever of being able to conduct a Far Eastern policy except in conjunction with Great Britain and Russia. That is why a weak Russia will not contribute to Germany's ultimate welfare."

Too Late.

The Vossische Zeitung says: "Germany too late began to realize that the time will come when the United States and Japan will see that war is not always the most profitable way of settling differences. Germany's Russian policy has played the game brilliantly for Britain and the United States. In the same way Germany has increased Holland's debt of gratitude to Britain. It should have been Germany's game to earn Holland's gratitude by guaranteeing her the same possession of her East Indian colonies, but instead of this she cemented the Anglo-Japanese alliance and delivered the Dutch colonies from Japanese pressure southward by opening the door to Japanese enterprise in Russia."

"Only the most limited intelligence can believe that the breaking up of Russia will be to Germany's advantage."

## INCREASE IN TRADE OF CANADA SHOWN

Total During Eleven Months Ended With February Was \$2,373,724,883

Ottawa, March 14.—A total Canadian trade of \$2,373,724,883 for the eleven months of the current fiscal year ended with February is shown in the trade statement for February issued to-day by the Department of Customs. This is a considerable increase over the similar period last year, when Canada's total trade aggregated \$2,018,447,387. For the month of February the trade balance was \$142,231,497, against \$140,162,700 for February, 1917.

Exports of domestic goods for the eleven-month period inclusive of coin and bullion were \$1,440,458,944, as against \$1,029,046,435 for the same period last year. Goods entered for consumption were valued at \$886,942,750, on which duty amounting to \$145,783.21 was collected. For the eleven months of the previous year imports amounted to \$769,442,187, while customs collections aggregated \$130,550,845, or approximately \$15,000,000 less.

For February imports and customs collections were \$53,108,214 and \$9,449,795 respectively for 1917, and \$68,555,938 and \$11,409,494 respectively for February, 1918.

Exports of Canadian goods during February this year were \$36,361,617, an increase of about \$18,000,000 over February, 1917.

## A LETHBRIDGE DEATH.

Lethbridge, March 14.—John Taylor, proprietor of the Taylor Mills here and one of the best known men in this part of the West, died very suddenly this morning at the age of forty-nine years.

John Taylor was a native of Ontario, but in early years went to North Dakota. In 1905 he established the Taylor Milling Company here, of which he was chief stockholder. He also was interested in several other enterprises and owned a big farm south of here.

The widow and two of the sons are living in Portland, Ore. Three other sons reside on the farm here.

## NEUTRALITY ATTITUDE EXAMINED BY SWISS

Head of Federal Council Says Violation Would Call for Defence

Berne, March 14.—The Swiss Federal Council at a meeting last night discussed a report on measures of neutrality which dealt with the recognition of Swiss neutrality by belligerent powers. The report stated that the declaration made by the United States had been called for by the Federal Council, which had learned of the presence of American troops on the Swiss frontier. Switzerland, it was added, attached the highest importance to its neutrality being recognized unconditionally.

The Swiss Mission to the United States and its fortunate results also were mentioned in the report.

President Callender said he was surprised at the declaration concerning Swiss neutrality made by the United States, France and Great Britain. He said that the Federal Council in its report had formally protested, insisting that if the neutrality of Switzerland was violated it would be the duty of Switzerland to defend it, and such was the only conception in conformity with the Swiss treaties.

"We refuse," said the President, "to be under the protection of powers which guarantee our neutrality. We wish, in case of invasion, to conclude an alliance freely with them, and if the case arises, to call to our help the powers which signed the treaties of 1813 and 1815. The three powers in question have not replied to the answer of the Federal Council."

"We have every reason to believe that their declaration was not intended materially to injure our neutrality and we are on the friendliest of terms with them."

A dispatch from Berne on December 5 said that the Swiss Federal Council had been informed by the United States Government that it recognized the neutrality of Switzerland. The American note was reported to have declared that the United States was in complete agreement with the Allies on the subject of respecting Swiss territory and the inviolability of Swiss neutrality so long as Switzerland maintained neutrality and the enemy respected that neutrality.

## DELICATE SITUATION IN SIBERIA, STATES AMERICAN GENERAL

Boston, March 14.—"It is significant that all the forces in this country opposed to sending Japanese troops into Russia are those that took a pro-German or anti-British stand on other issues," Brigadier-General John A. Johnston, commander of the Department of the Northeast, said to-day in a statement on the American attitude toward the Russian situation. "Of course," he continued, "there are other considerations to be taken into account, but that these forces are opposed to it is one reason, in my mind, why we should be in favor of it."

"It is a delicate situation. Russia is our friend and if the Allies go into Russia we should make it clear that it is not to fight Germany there, but to protect our property and funds. Lieut. Colonel V. Judson, who has just returned from Russia, told me that he had talked with many of the more intelligent Russians of all parties and that without exception they feared Japanese intervention because of the possibility that it might crystallize public opinion in favor of the Germans."

## U. S. ORDERS FOR SHELLS IN CANADA

Ottawa, March 14.—The Imperial Munitions Board, which asked as to the orders for shells from the United States placed in Canadian factories, stated that no large orders had been received recently. Three months ago orders were received for the machining of 6,500,000 seventy-five millimetre shells, the manufacture of 10,000,000 seventy-five millimetre forgings from steel supplied by the United States, and the making of 2,000,000 cartridge cases. In addition to these orders another was received for 425,000 4.7-inch shells. This comprises the total of orders received by the Imperial Munitions Board from the United States for Canadian factories.

## SUMMER CONVENTIONS IN REVELSTOCK CITY

Revelstoke, March 14.—The Revelstoke Board of Trade already is making preparations for two important conventions which are to be held here during the next few months—the International Mining Convention in July, and that of the Associated Boards of Trade of East and West Kootenay in September. The following have been chosen as chairman of the Board's committees: Civic improvement, A. D. Hobson; finance, Walter Bews; lumber, O. W. Abrahamson; transportation, C. B. Hume; agriculture, A. P. Levesque; entertainment, L. A. Howson. The executive consists of A. Hobson, L. A. Howson, C. R. Macdonald, C. B. Hume, W. Bews, O. W. Abrahamson, Horace Manning, A. P. Levesque, K. G. McRae, L. C. Mason and A. E. Kincaid.

Several of the Nelson and Shuswap mining men have expressed their willingness to co-operate in the mining convention in July.

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## MONTREAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)	High	Low	Last
Ames Holden, pref.	132	132	132
Bell Telephone	81	81	81
Can. Cement pfd.	91	91	91
Can. Car Pdy. com.	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Can. S. S. com.	67	67	67
Do. pref.	77	77	77
Can. Gen. Elec.	105	105	105
Can. Inv. & Ind.	75	75	75
Cons. M. & S. com.	85	85	85
Dom. I. & S.	60	60	60
Dom. Textile	85	85	85
Lake of Woods Mfg.	129 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2
Laurentide Co.	13	13	13
Maple Leaf Mfg.	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
Mackay Co.	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
N. S. Steel com.	66	66	66
Ogilvie Mfg. Co.	75	75	75
Pennam. Ltd.	16	16	16
Quebec Railway	120	120	120
Rhodes Paper	114	114	114
Shawinigan	114	114	114
Spanish Republic Pulp.	131 1/2	131 1/2	131 1/2
Steel of Can. pfd.	60	60	60
Toronto Ry.	48	48	48
Winnipeg Elec.	94	94	94
Dom. War Loan (old)	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
Do, 1917	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2

## BREAK IN CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET TO-DAY

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)  
Chicago, March 14.—The grain market was weak throughout the whole session to-day and a drop of two cents was recorded in oats. A lot of grain was thrown on the market and no one wanted it. Cash corn had been showing weakness for some days past and to-day the demand had dried up. While the demand for cash oats is still good, bids were few and decreasing prices were seen to-day.

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Oats—  
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## NEW YORK CURE.

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)	Bid.	Ask.
Canada Copper	2	2 1/2
Standard Silver Lead	15 1/2	15 3/4
New Cornelia	15 1/2	15 3/4
Tutuone Copper	1	1 1/2
Howe Sound Mining	4 1/2	4 3/4
Cosden Oil	7 1/2	7 3/4
United Motors	28 1/2	28 3/4
Nipissing	9 1/2	9 3/4
Copper Range	23 1/2	23 3/4
Mid-West Oil	110	110 1/2
Do. Rfg.	108	108 1/2
Sepulchre	9 1/2	9 3/4
Merritt Oil	19	19 1/2
Aetna Explosives	85	85 1/2
Chevrolet Motors	115	115 1/2
Waggon Copper	35	35 1/2
Currier Aeroplane	31	31 1/2
Wright-Martin Aeroplane	75	75 1/2
Submarine Boat	12 1/2	12 3/4
Cons. Copper	54	54 1/2
Northern	24	24 1/2
Kerr Lake	21	21 1/2
Smith Motors	25-26	25 1/2-26 1/2
Hecla Mining	42	42 1/2
Caledonia	47	47 1/2

## NEW YORK SUGAR.

New York, March 14.—Raw sugar steady; centrifugal, 45c; molasses nominal; refined steady; fine granulated, 47c.

## HOTEL PROBLEM IN NEW WESTMINSTER

New Westminster, March 14.—The problem of providing good hotel accommodation for the public in New Westminster has been acute since the advent of prohibition. A special committee of the Board of Trade is working on this question, but so far with little success. In this connection ex-Ald. Goulet comes forward with the suggestion that the city might solve the problem by taking over one of the better class hotels in the city and operating it as a civic hotel. Money for this purpose might be raised under the powers given for making appropriations for advertising. In view of an increased tax rate for legitimate expenses it is doubtful if the aldermen will seriously consider the suggestion.

## PROFIT TAXATION DISCUSSED AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, March 14.—The whole question of profit taxation, it is understood, was raised to-day at a private conference between the Government and a delegation representing the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. The conference opened at noon and the discussion covered a wide range. It is expected that the delegation will issue a statement to-night covering its representations. It did not submit any formal memorandum to the Government.

## SALUTE OR BE DUCKED.

Castle Rock, Wash., March 14.—Every inhabitant of Castle Rock will salute the Stars and Stripes to-day or take a ducking in the Cowlitz River, which flows through the town. This is the edict of a committee of citizens who suspect that some residents are disloyal. The American flag has been raised on a pole in the centre of the town and the citizens have been instructed to pass in review this afternoon, each one saluting the flag.

NEW YORK COTTON.  
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## TO-DAY'S TRADING ON WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, March 14.—There was a good demand to-day for cash oats of all grades, with spreads unchanged to 10c better. The demand for cash barley was excellent and 12c was bid for No. 2 C.W. and 18c for No. 4, but offerings were light. Cash flax again was quiet, with spreads 1c better.

The oats futures market closed 10c lower for May and 11c down for July. Flax closed 11c higher for May. Flax closed 1c lower for May and 1c down for July.

Oats—  
Open High Low Close  
May 1917 90 1/2 90 1/2 90 1/2 90 1/2  
July 1917 84 1/2 84 1/2 84 1/2 84 1/2  
Barley—  
May 1917 120 120 120 120  
Flax—  
May 1917 100 100 100 100  
July 1917 94 94 94 94  
Cash prices: Oats—C.W. 3c; C.W. 3c; extra 1 feed, 91c; 1 feed, 90c; 2 feed, 88c.

Barley—No. 3, 19c; No. 4, 18c; rejected, 12c; feed, 15c.  
Flax—N.W.C., 20 1/2; C.W., 20 1/2; C.W., 20 1/2.

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## 4 Classes of Citizens

1. Those in uniform fighting for their country.  
2. Those at home paying and working to their utmost.  
3. Those at home half-heartedly working or paying.  
4. Those at home who neither pay nor work.

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Answer to yourself to which class you belong.

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## WIRELESS REPORTS

March 14, 8 a.m.

Point Grey-Rain; S. E. fresh; 29.25; 43; thick seaward.  
Cape Lazo-Cloudy; S. E. gale; 30.09; 42; sea rough.  
Pachena-Rain; S. E. moderate gale; 30.12; 44; sea rough.  
Estevan-Rain; S. E. fresh; 29.55; 35; sea rough.  
Alert Bay-Cloudy; S. E. light; 29.74; 35; sea smooth.  
Triangle-Overcast; calm; 30.04; 41; sea rough. Spoke str. Camosun, 10.30 p.m., entering Queen Charlotte Sound, northbound; str. Admiral Watson, 11.45 p.m., off Bella Bella, northbound; str. Princess Sophia, 7 a.m., off Ivory Island, southbound.  
Dead Tree Point-Clear; calm; 29.57; 31; sea smooth.  
Prince Rupert-Snow; calm; 29.50; 34; thick seaward. Passed out str. Prince George, 7.15 a.m., northbound; str. Prince Albert, 7.50 a.m., westbound.  
Noon.  
Point Grey-Rain; S. E.; 30.27; 44; thick seaward.  
Cape Lazo-Rain; S. E. strong; 30.12; 43; sea rough.  
Pachena-Rain; S. E. gale; 29.17; 44; sea rough. Spoke str. Tees, 10 a.m., entering Barkley Sound, northbound.  
Estevan-Rain; S. E. fresh; 29.43; 42; heavy swell.  
Alert Bay-Overcast; S. E. light; 29.75; 45; sea smooth. Spoke str. Princess May, 9.50 a.m., off Salmon River, northbound; spoke str. Chelohsin, 10.30 a.m., off Adams River, southbound.  
Triangle-Fog; S. E., moderate; 30.10; 45; thick seaward.  
Dead Tree Point-Clear; calm; 29.92; 41; sea smooth.  
Bella Bay-Cloudy; S. E. light; 29.53; 43; sea moderate.  
Prince Rupert-Overcast; calm; 29.82; 32; sea smooth.

## RUSSIAN WIFE IS MISSING FROM HOME

Some five months ago The Times published the remarkable story of a fourteen-year-old Russian wife, Alice Doria or Lauberg. She had arrived on a Japanese steamer, having been smuggled on board at Kobe by some person or persons without a ticket. She had no passport or papers of an official character, and when the steamer reached here it was impossible to obtain any succinct account from the fearful little maiden.

She was afterwards taken into custody by immigration officers when the vessel docked at Port Townsend and held pending investigation by officials. She claimed that her mother had brought her from Petrograd to Vladivostok, and thence to Kobe, where her mother disappeared and she believed had committed suicide. She had a father in New York, but he was not located.

The girl was then given over to the care of Mrs. Stratman, Port Blakely, who furnished a bond of \$500 in the Federal Court as the girl's guardian. The girl has now disappeared from home and police aid has been invoked in order to find her.

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## CONCRETE SHIPS MAY FILL PRESSING NEED

Capt. J. W. Troup Saw Largest Concrete Carrier Under Construction at Redwood, Cal.

While in California recently, Capt. J. W. Troup, manager of the British Columbia Coast Steamship Service, evinced a great deal of interest in the concrete shipbuilding industry now being developed extensively on the North Pacific coast, and therefore took advantage of the opportunity extended to him by W. L. Comyn, head of the San Francisco Shipbuilding Company, of looking over the 5,000-ton ocean-going reinforced concrete cargo carrier being launched at Redwood City. The San Francisco Shipbuilding Company was formed early in 1917 by a group of San Francisco capitalists.

The undertaking was inaugurated on an ambitious scale at the outset, the first vessel laid down being a ship of 5,000 tons, with a length of 230 feet and beam of forty-six feet. This is the largest concrete ship ever attempted, and when Capt. Troup left San Francisco preparations were under way for the launching of the great concrete hull, "I may say," said Capt. Troup, "that this company is leaving nothing undone to make a thorough test of the concrete ship proposition."

The ship has a cellular-double bottom, five feet deep. The tank tops are caulked on a wood deck in place of concrete, and the reinforcing of the "walls" is most thoroughly done.

Strong Reinforcing. The reinforcing is so carefully and thoroughly carried out," said Capt. Troup, "that at no point in the hull structure does the mesh exceed six inches square. The decks are of concrete and the deck stringers have continuous reinforcing through the bars being welded. The reinforcing around the bilge runs diagonally from the keel to the deck, and is bent over the keel in connection with the deck stringers, thus giving great strength to the hull structure."

Steam Driven. "The ship has a regular steel stern frame, and will be steam driven with a single screw. The vessel was laid down lengthwise, or parallel with the shoreline, and will be launched sideways."

In these economical times it is interesting to note that the plant required for the construction of concrete ships is not elaborate. Capt. Troup says that the amount of plant used in the construction of this 5,000-ton ship cost less than ten per cent. of the equipment required for one of the wooden shipbuilding yards operating on this coast.

Launched To-day. The ship was launched to-day (March 14), and is the largest concrete vessel ever constructed. The vessel was christened "Faith," and will be operated in the trans-Pacific freight trade. Numerous reasons can be advanced why concrete is a logical material for ship construction on this coast.

Materials Available. The materials required for building concrete vessels are available in necessary quantities; little skilled labor is required; concrete vessels can be constructed rapidly; they are reasonable in cost; they will not burn; they are rot-proof and rat-proof, and concrete ships can be kept in constant use because there are few maintenance requirements. Concrete vessels built to supply present needs will be equally useful after the war when industry will demand greater shipping facilities. Ships can also be designed in concrete to meet every known requirement.

This Province Favored. British Columbia, especially Vancouver Island, is a recognized cement producing centre, and should cement ships prove the success that is claimed for them, there is no reason why this province should not witness a big development in this type of ship construction.

San Antonio, Tex., March 14.—Howard Holaday, Denver, a flying cadet at Kelly Field, was killed Wednesday afternoon when his aeroplane fell 4,000 feet.

## FIRST REINFORCED CONCRETE STEAMER LAUNCHED ON COAST

Thousands of Guests Witnessed Novel Ceremony; Vessel Christened Faith

A Pacific Port, March 14.—Launching ceremonies of the steamship Faith, the first reinforced concrete ocean-going vessel built in the United States, attracted thousands of guests and spectators here to-day.

The vessel is 230 feet long, 44.5 feet wide and 36 feet deep, and will carry 5,000 tons of cargo.

The launching was scheduled for the late afternoon. The launching was from a broad meadow, with none of the usual puritanisms of commerce except a spur track and a couple of construction sheds. It is the contention of the builders that concrete vessels can be built with no greater preparation wherever land and water meet, and that material always is at hand or nearby. This obviates the necessity for great and costly yards now existing or being built to handle wooden and steel ships and for long hauls of material. Concrete ship construction if found successful would release all rolling stock required for such purposes.

Engineers for the company building the boat said that reinforced concrete had, contrary to popular impression, notable flexibility under strain and would therefore be able to stand the stresses of sea duty.

## SHIPYARD TO OPEN CAULKING SCHOOL

Cameron-Genoa Concern to Inaugurate Classes for Workmen

Adopting a plan that has been successfully tried out in the Pacific coast wooden shipyards of the United States, the Cameron-Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd., operating the wooden shipyard at Point Ellice, has decided to establish a school for caulkers.

The school will be run for the benefit of workmen who are already employed in the shipyard, and will be supervised by an expert caulker. The idea of the establishment of such a school is to initiate workmen into the mysteries of caulking under actual working conditions, and thus revive a trade that has become almost extinct with the passage of time.

The number of proficient caulkers is surprisingly small, and the shipbuilders have been experiencing considerable difficulty in securing sufficient caulkers for the vessels now under construction, and with the development of the wooden shipbuilding industry and the possibility of handling additional contracts, an effort is being made to create interest in the caulking trade by the operation of a school. The classes will be inaugurated on Monday next, and will be held after 4.30 p.m., when the yards shut down for the day. Officials of the local shipyard say that the experiment has been tried out with great success across the border, and it is expected that the caulking school will take well here. It is figured that a willing student can be made an efficient caulker within a month.

## ELIHU THOMPSON DUE HERE FOR OVERHAUL

The steamship Elihu Thompson, recently purchased by the Victoria Whaling Company from the Pacific Cold Storage Company, is due here to-day from Seattle to be hauled out at Esquimalt for overhaul. The contract will be handled by Yarrows, Ltd. The Elihu Thompson is to be utilized in connection with the operation of the Alaskan plant of the North Pacific Sea Products Company, which concern has been taken over by the Victoria Whaling Company.

## FOUR VESSELS READY FOR MEXICAN TRADE

Now is the Time to Establish Trade Relations, Says Carranza's Representative

Four vessels belonging to the O. A. Lindvig Company are now ready to bring Canada and Mexico closer together in commercial relationship according to the statement of E. S. Bravo, consul-general of Mexico, with headquarters at Vancouver, B. C. These ships are of considerable tonnage capacity and are calculated to be able to handle all the freight which they will be called upon to carry between Canada and Mexico.

In view of the fact that there left the ports of Montreal and Halifax in 1917 for Mexico, no less than seventeen vessels in ballast, instead of with cargoes, it will be recognized there is some foundation for the statement by Mr. Bravo that the time has arrived when the manufacturers of Canada should take prompt steps for the opening up of trade negotiations with Mexico. There is no reason why any vessel leaving a Canadian port for Mexico should do so in ballast. Canada has many products that Mexico wants such as lumber, fish and articles of steel and iron-ware, on the other hand, Mexico is only too ready and willing to ship her products and manufactures to this country.

Tehuantepec Railway. "With this connection on the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts there is no reason why we cannot resume inter-oceanic communication through the medium of the Tehuantepec railway and thus save thousands of miles of transportation as well as the attendant freight charges," says Mr. Bravo. "The markets are in Mexico for Canadian goods and the raw materials are there for these vessels to bring to Canada. Under these conditions if Canada wants to establish a permanent trade with Mexico after this war, this must be the time to go to it when all other countries are feeling the pinch. There are no preferential tariffs on any goods going into Mexico. There is a small import tax on lumber, paper and other things but coke and coal pay no import duty."

Send Agents to Mexico.

"I urge on all manufacturers," says Mr. Bravo, "in this Dominion to make arrangements to send their agents to Mexico to introduce their wares. Now is the proper time to do this," and in support of that statement Mr. Bravo says he has already received one application from a Canadian firm manufacturing electrical goods for information as to the steps to be taken to enter Mexico. There are no extraordinary measures to be taken and for that reason he looks forward to the time when Mexico will be the scene of active operations on the part of Canadian manufacturers and their agents.

## VICTUALLING HEAD OF NIPPON LINE ARRIVES

It takes a white man to understand a white man's stomach. The Japanese may be able to place skillful navigators on the bridge, and man a ship as efficiently as any nation, but they have to retain white assistance in the commissariat department if the steamships are to secure the American trade.

This is the reason for the arrival on the Buwa Maru to-day of J. W. Hurst, victualling superintendent of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line. Mr. Hurst has been five years with the great Japanese company, and before that was well-known at Southampton Docks. He has been a noted chef in his day and is associated with the leading association in that line of culinary fame.

Mr. Hurst knows that the Japanese have other views with regard to cooking than are customary to Occidental peoples, and desires his employers to keep pace with the severe competition in the trans-Pacific trade. The advent of larger and more modern steamers in the Nippon American service has rendered it necessary to study conditions at first hand, and therefore he is making his first tour across the Pacific for this purpose.

## TIDE TABLES

Date	Time	High	Low	Time	High	Low
March						
1	4:08	6.2	11:51	4.5	17:38	6.4
2	4:06	6.8	12:42	4.2	18:40	6.5
3	4:04	7.4	13:34	3.9	19:42	6.6
4	4:02	8.0	14:25	3.6	20:44	6.7
5	4:00	8.6	15:17	3.3	21:46	6.8
6	3:58	9.2	16:08	3.0	22:48	6.9
7	3:56	9.8	17:00	2.7	23:50	7.0
8	3:54	10.4	17:51	2.4	24:52	7.1
9	3:52	11.0	18:42	2.1	25:54	7.2
10	3:50	11.6	19:33	1.8	26:56	7.3
11	3:48	12.2	20:24	1.5	27:58	7.4
12	3:46	12.8	21:15	1.2	28:59	7.5
13	3:44	13.4	22:06	0.9	29:59	7.6
14	3:42	14.0	22:57	0.6	30:59	7.7
15	3:40	14.6	23:48	0.3	31:59	7.8
16	3:38	15.2	24:39	0.0	32:59	7.9
17	3:36	15.8	25:30	0.0	33:59	8.0
18	3:34	16.4	26:21	0.0	34:59	8.1
19	3:32	17.0	27:12	0.0	35:59	8.2
20	3:30	17.6	28:03	0.0	36:59	8.3
21	3:28	18.2	28:54	0.0	37:59	8.4
22	3:26	18.8	29:45	0.0	38:59	8.5
23	3:24	19.4	30:36	0.0	39:59	8.6
24	3:22	20.0	31:27	0.0	40:59	8.7
25	3:20	20.6	32:18	0.0	41:59	8.8
26	3:18	21.2	33:09	0.0	42:59	8.9
27	3:16	21.8	34:00	0.0	43:59	9.0
28	3:14	22.4	34:51	0.0	44:59	9.1
29	3:12	23.0	35:42	0.0	45:59	9.2
30	3:10	23.6	36:33	0.0	46:59	9.3
31	3:08	24.2	37:24	0.0	47:59	9.4

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 12th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. When blanks occur in the tide table, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning. The height is at the end of the tide and above the average level of lower low water.

## THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12.45 p.m. to the top at 12.55 p.m., and will be dropped at 1 p.m. daily.

## LABOR MUST ASSIST IF SHIP INDUSTRY IS TO FLOURISH HERE

Shipbuilder Says New Contracts Cannot Be Taken Until Agreement Reached

Until the standing of the labor unions is definitely known it is improbable that any further contracts will be taken on for the construction of wooden steamships in Victoria. Upon being approached this morning relative to the pending contract with the Imperial authorities for the construction of twenty wooden steamers of a new type here reference to which has already been made fully in these columns, J. H. Price, of this city, who is in touch with officials of the British Shipping Controller's Department, and for some time past has been awaiting confirmation of the contract, which has been tentatively accepted, said that it was now wholly up to the unions.

Prepared to Proceed. His company was fully prepared to go ahead with the construction of ships for the British Government, but owing to the unsettled condition of labor the concern which he represents is unwilling to bind itself down to any contract to build ships on the basis of so much per ton and within a specified time limit. "It gets down to this," said Mr. Price, "the labor men have got to sign up for one year at least, or the taking on of any further contracts is out of the question."

The negotiations have advanced so far that it is expected that they will be consummated at any time, providing, of course, that a satisfactory agreement can be reached with the labor unions.

The plans and specifications for these vessels, which will be of 3,500 tons each, were designed and prepared by Mr. Price, and forwarded to London some weeks ago.

Forty Ships. Under the original plans forty wooden steamships were to be built by two British Columbia shipyards, the Price syndicate getting twenty ships, to be built in Victoria, and the British-American Shipbuilding Company getting a similar number to be constructed at Vancouver.

According to advices from the Mainland the latter concern is reported to have secured their contract for twenty ships, but J. H. Price says the orders have not yet been definitely placed. When they are Mr. Price will be the first to be made aware of the fact.

## ONLY THREE SHIPS OF FLEET DISPOSED TO FRENCH INTERESTS

The Canada West Coast Navigation Company are still the owners of nine auxiliary schooners out of the twelve completed to the order of the firm in British Columbia shipyards, according to Capt. Alexander Gow, marine superintendent of the company. There have been persistent rumors of late to the effect that the entire fleet had been disposed of to French interests.

Six of the vessels were built by the Cameron-Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd., of Victoria, and the other half done at the Wallace Shipyard, North Vancouver. Three of these vessels have been sold to French interests. These are the Esquimalt, the Malahat and the Beatrice Castle (now the Stasia), all of which were built here. The remaining nine vessels are all being operated by the Canada West Coast Navigation Company and making large profits for their owners.

The auxiliary schooner "Laurel" Whalen, the second of the fleet to be launched here, is shortly due with a cargo of salt from San Francisco. She cleared from the Golden Gate some days ago but was forced to put back through losing some of her sails in a stiff northeaster.

## SALVOR SHOULD REACH SCENE OF WRECK TO-DAY

The salvage steamer Salvor is due at the scene of the Admiral Evans wreck at Hawk Inlet, Southeastern Alaska, to-day, but up to a late hour the local officials of the B. C. Salvage Company had received no word from Capt. W. H. Logan.

A number of the passengers who lost their baggage when the Admiral Evans plied up, and some of the crew, are expected to reach Vancouver to-morrow aboard the C. P. R. steamship Princess Sophia. Those passengers who were bound for ports in Southwestern Alaska have continued their voyage from Juneau on the Alaska Steamship Company's steamship Alameda. Those en route to points in Southeastern Alaska boarded the Pacific Steamship Company's steamship Spokane at Juneau.

## BOLSHEVIKI CREW ON SHIP AT SEATTLE

Seattle, March 14.—United States sailors to-day stood guard on the Russian ship Toula, lying at a dock here, Roscoe M. Drumheller, collector of customs having taken charge of the vessel last night after it was reported ten members of the crew refused to obey orders. Following the seizure the ten were arrested.

The crew which is said to have Bolsheviki tendencies, has been loading the ship with railroad supplies for Russia. Two days ago it was charged, the ten let the fire die out under the boilers and refused to work because the ship's officers would not treat them as equals.

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## EIGHTEEN BRITISH MERCHANT VESSELS SUNK DURING WEEK

London, March 14.—The Admiralty last evening reported the loss by mine or submarine of eighteen British merchantmen in the past week and one fishing vessel. Of these fifteen were of 1,500 tons or over, and three under that tonnage.

The arrivals at ports in the United Kingdom numbered 2,046, and the sailings, 2,062. Merchantmen unsuccessfully attacked numbered eight.

For the third time in as many weeks eighteen British merchantmen have been destroyed through mine or submarine. In the previous week twelve of the vessels were 1,600 tons or over, and six under that tonnage, while in the preceding week fourteen of the vessels were of more than 1,600 tons.

## DYNAMITE FOUND IN A SHIPYARD ON U. S. ATLANTIC COAST

Washington, March 14.—Enough dynamite to blow up half the great shipyard at Hog Island has been found there during February, Dudley R. Kennedy, manager of the Industrial Relations Department, told the Senate Investigation Committee to-day. Secret service men have been unable to find who placed the explosive there.

The testimony was brought out by Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, who asked Kennedy whether the American International Corporation had had any difficulty with spies.

"I hesitate somewhat to make the statement at a public hearing," said Kennedy, "but the fact is we found 245 pounds of dynamite on the grounds last month. That amount, intelligently placed, would have been enough to blow up one-half the yard. Twenty pounds was found in one place, the remainder being hidden in different parts of the yard."

## DELIVER JUDGMENT IN HALIFAX CASE FRIDAY

Halifax, March 14.—After hearing arguments by crown prosecutor Cluney, on the habeas corpus application in the case of Pilot Francis Mackay, committed for manslaughter in connection with the Halifax disaster, Judge Russell, yesterday afternoon, announced he would deliver judgment on Friday. Mr. Cluney in presenting his argument against the application, said that the evidence showed that the steamer Mont Blanc, which was under Mackay, swung from her course and came into collision. Judge Russell said that if there was evidence showing carelessness, he would deliver a judgment for a jury, but if there was nothing more than an error of judgment it might not be a case for the jury. He had not, however, made up his mind as to either case.

## GARRY HEMSWORTH IS C. N. R. AGENT HERE

Garry Hemsworth, who since he doffed the King's uniform owing to illness, has occupied the position of chief clerk at the Vancouver offices of the Canadian-Northern system, has been transferred to Victoria to succeed K. E. McLeod as city ticket agent, the latter official having been called to the colors. Prior to joining the Canadian military service some two years ago, Mr. Hemsworth was ticket clerk in the C. P. R. up-town offices here. He has a wide circle of friends, who will be pleased to hear of his promotion in the Canadian-Northern service.

## EXPLOSION WRECKS A SEATTLE PLANT

Seattle, March 14.—Tearing up floors, dislodging big pillars and girders, demolishing mechanical equipment, shattering valuable stock in all parts of the big four-story brick building, a terrific explosion wrecked the interior of the plant of the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company, 1205 Sixth Avenue South, at 6.30 o'clock this morning. One man was badly burned but miraculously escaped death.

Officials of the company estimated at noon to-day that the damage will be between \$55,000 and \$60,000.

South Vancouver Delegation.—The Provincial Cabinet again met the delegation from South Vancouver this morning in an endeavor to come to some arrangement regarding the financial condition of the Municipality. The Executive gave the matter a more favorable consideration and the representations made by the delegation appeared to make a good impression on the Cabinet. While there is no indication as to what the precise nature of the understanding between the Government and the Municipality will be, it may be taken for granted that an effective measure of protection will be afforded.

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SAFETY—SPEED—COMFORT

## A NEW APPOINTMENT FOR HON. WM. SLOAN

Succeeds the Late Premier in Fisheries Commissionership; Knows Fish

The announcement is made this morning that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has consented to the appointment of the Hon. William Sloan, Minister of Mines, to be Commissioner of Fisheries under the Provincial Fisheries Act. The appointment was necessitated by the death of Premier Brewster who had held the office since his return to power.

It could be said on behalf of the new incumbent of the office that he is a crack sportsman and that what he has not assimilated in the art of fly fishing is scarcely worth the time to think about. However, apart from the purely leisurely interest in the idiosyncrasies of the finny tribe the Minister of Mines has always been keenly interested in the development of the fishing industry in British Columbia.

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## CRITICIZES PLAN OF CONDUCTING AFFAIRS OF SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Andrews Makes Suggestions and Question of Salaries Discussed

Trustee Mrs. Andrews challenged the conduct of school board business in two particular respects last evening, at the monthly meeting. She particularly objected, as a member of the Building and Grounds Committee, to business being transacted by telephone. There had been an increase granted at the previous meeting to the Board carpenter, who it appeared was not satisfied with the amount advanced and threatened to resign.

The Chairman of the Committee, Trustee Deaville, had telephoned to her, and when she demurred at increasing salaries to any employee without consultation at the Board meeting, Mr. Deaville had said he did not care a rap, as the other trustees had already agreed to the proposition.

Trustee Deaville objected to the interpretation put by Mrs. Andrews on the situation and stated that the carpenter, who was an expert, had received an offer at an advance of salary to go to the shipyards and the matter had to be dealt with at once.

Must Revert.  
The Board agreed, as the Chairman of the Committee had committed the trustees to a \$20 advance for the month to pay it for this month, and the carpenter to revert to his old salary or else leave the Board's employment.

Superintendent Fairley then rose and said they had placed the man in a peculiar position, as he had now probably lost the opportunity to better himself.

Chairman Jay thought Mr. Fairley ought not to comment on the Board's decision.

**Financial Statement.**  
The other point of Mrs. Andrews' objection was the method of passing the financial statement each month. She did not interpret the duties of the trustees, as defined by their by-laws, merely to pass accounts month by month as submitted by the Finance Committee. She thought it bad policy that the same members who made purchases should pass upon them when they were received. She made no charge against the propriety of the members, but against the policy.

Mrs. Jenkins, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, responded that the majority of the accounts were fixed, and were in pursuance of contracts. Every detail, and in that she was supported by Trustee Perry, was carefully checked before the accounts reached the Board.

**Salary Review in June.**  
A motion that no increases of salary should be given until June, when the situation might be reviewed, was defeated by three votes to four. Mrs. Jenkins, Trustee Deaville, and Chairman Jay voting in the minority. Trustees Riddell and Clark opposed the Board pledging themselves four months ahead.

**Dental Work.**  
On the initiative of Trustee Perry, the Board decided that it would be a good idea to inaugurate a dental clinic, provided the dentists of the city would come to their assistance. Mr. Perry undertook to see the various dentists and make a report to the next meeting. Mrs. Jenkins explained what was being done in other cities.

The Board approved a recommendation of the Municipal Inspector, as the result of consultation with the Superintendent of Education as to the basis of payment to the principal and teachers of the school selected as a Model School for the attendance of students from the Provincial Normal School. The cost will be divided between the Department and the Board, a monthly allowance being given each teacher.

**Join Deputation.**  
A discussion occurred on the invitation of the North Vancouver School Board to join the Vancouver deputation for a larger per capita allowance towards salaries from the Department of Education, which is due here to-morrow. It was resolved to participate in the deputation, and the chairman will select the personnel of the representation.

**Miss LeClerc, of Victoria West School,** was granted an additional month's leave of absence. Trustee O'Neil, W. J. Edwards requested leave of absence during the time that he will be occupied in military instructional duties in Vancouver. This request was granted.

The Board was apprised that one claim for compensation amounting to \$13.35 had been paid by the Workmen's Compensation Board in connection with an accident which had happened to a workman.

**No Lower Rates.**  
The correspondence included a letter from A. T. Goward, Local Manager of the B. C. Electric Railway, explaining how impossible it was for the company to reduce the present charges for light and power in the schools of the city.

Presence of rubella in the schools during the last month was reported by the School Health Officer, Dr. H. J. Wasson.

In China when the subscriber rings up exchange the operator may be expected to ask:

"What number does the honorable son of the moon and stars desire?"  
"Hohi, two-three."  
Silence. Then the exchange resumed: "Will the honorable person graciously forgive the inadequacy of the insignificant service and permit this humbled slave to be wire to inform him that the never-to-be-sufficiently censured line is busy."

## PATERSON SINGING SHIELDS IN SCHOOLS

Competition is Finally Abandoned; Reasons for the Alteration

The popular singing competitions in the city schools, which have been a feature each May for a number of years, have ceased. Instead of contests between the various schools there will be a central concert at some large building annually.

Negotiations which have been under way between a committee of teachers of musical training and former Lieutenant Paterson, the donor of the Paterson shields, have now been concluded, and the arrangement was confirmed by the School Board last evening.

The shields will be hung in the Board room at the City Hall hereafter. The situation was explained in a series of communications and personally supported by Supervisor Follard, Principal Charlesworth and Principal Salloway. Some of the reasons for this fundamental change in school musical competitions were set out to be: (a) Some schools are all girls, some are all boys, and some are mixed voices. Some have large numbers singing, others have small numbers. Some have assembly halls in which to sing, some have not. Some assembly halls have good acoustic properties, some very poor. Some sing on a bright day and some on a dull day. Some schools have more experienced and better qualified musical teachers than others.

(b) The work involved in training a school for the competition interferes considerably with the regular routine of school work.

(c) The selected songs are practised until they become wearisome to the pupils, whose time could be more profitably spent learning new songs.

(d) The various schools are now so uniform in singing that the outside influences which cannot be controlled, such as poor acoustics, producing flat singing, are now sufficient to determine the winning of the shield.

(e) As most schools have now won the shields at various times, there is lack of vital interest in running the competition.

(f) The change from competition to a co-operative concert is more in keeping with the spirit of the times.

All trustees agreed that the change was desirable.

## RAISE MORE BEANS EAT LESS ICE CREAM

Professor Stevenson Advises Growing of Sugar Beets; Soldiers of Soil

That the people of Victoria are beginning to realise the imperative need of a considerable increase in food production and conservation was evident by the fact that over three hundred men and women assembled in the High School auditorium last night to hear Professor L. Stevenson and Miss Juniper speak on food matters.

Mayor Todd presided, and with him on the platform were Ald. Sargent, Porter, Sangster and Dr. A. G. Price, medical health officer.

Professor Stevenson, who has charge of the Experimental Farm at Basan Bay, dealt principally with the question of crops suitable for cultivation on a city lot. He emphasized the advantage of a rotation of crops to ensure the best results, and reminded the audience that the need for increased production would not cease with this year, but would have to be followed out in 1919 and 1920, so that measures should be taken to keep the ground unimpaired.

He declared that the bean had "not had a square deal" in this country, and advocated more space being given over to its production this year. The speaker advised every one with a lot or garden to grow some sugar beets; stating that a good row of them would supply enough sugar to fill the cookery requirements of an average family for a year. Another suggestion made by Professor Stevenson was that the men of the city co-operate and grow their own tobacco, he declaring that the expensive "weed" might as well be grown as those of a noxious variety.

**Less Ice Cream.**  
Miss Juniper interested the housewives with a talk on kitchen economy, and gave many valuable suggestions for the use of substitutes for those foods needed for export. She advocated a fuller use of fish, vegetables and milk, all foods which had been somewhat undervalued in the past. She also appealed for a cutting down in the consumption of ice cream in the summer, and the substitution of fruit ices and sherbets, which did not require the use of cream.

**2,000 Boys Needed.**  
The final speaker of the evening was John Kyle, Director of Technical Education for the Province, who gave a short resume of the "Soldiers of the Soil" movement. He explained the scheme, and stated that the farmers of British Columbia needed 2,000 boys for work on the farms this summer. Enrollment of the boys would be carried out in the schools in the week of March 17 to 23. The Province would be divided into six districts, each in charge of a zone superintendent over each district who would look after the boys' welfare.

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Values, \$6.75. Friday \$5.19  
Values, \$8.50. Friday \$6.38  
A few exclusive models in pure wool and silk. Colors: rhubarb and blue; blue and rose; scarlet and black; rhubarb, white and melon; navy and white; myrtle, cardinal and primrose. These are to clear at big reductions.  
Women's Knit Sweater Coats in a number of smart styles and colors. Values, \$3.00. Friday \$2.20  
Values, \$3.75 and \$4.00. Friday \$2.95  
Values, \$4.75 and \$5.00. Friday \$3.79

## Attractive New Styles in Ladies' Hand Bags and Purses

Black Hand Bags with neat serviceable linings; containing mirror and small change purse. Special. \$1.50  
A very useful Hand Bag, with strong handle and dainty lining, fitted with mirror and change purse; black only. Price \$2.50  
Large size Shopping Bag, in black leather, with silk or leather linings; double handle of strong leather; fitted with small change purse. Price \$4.00

Colored Leather Bags, containing small change purse and mirror; daintily lined. Colors tan, grey, mauve and green. Price \$4.00  
Hand Purses in shades of grey, tan and helle, new shapes of useful size with strap attached. Price \$4.50  
Black Leather Hand Purses of various shapes with strap attached; neatly lined. Price, \$3.50 and \$4.00

BAGS, MAIN FLOOR.

## New Arrivals in Women's and Children's Directoire Knickers

Women's Cotton Knickers, made with elastic at waist and knee; colors sky, pink, grey, sage, white and black. Price, per pair \$0.65  
Women's Balbriggan Knickers, made in the same style; medium and large sizes; colors white, sky and pink. Price, pair \$0.85  
Fine Quality Balbriggan Knickers, in good medium weight; colors white, sky, and pink. Price, pair \$1.25

Extra Fine Silk Lisle Knickers, in medium and large sizes; colors white, sky, pink, and black. Price, pair \$1.75  
Children's Knickers, made with elastic at waist and knee; colors navy, black, and white; all sizes. Price, 65¢ to \$1.00  
—Underwear, Main Floor

## Household Linen Week

Table Linens Wonderfully Low Priced for Friday

To the prospective bride or the thrifty housekeeper this opportunity to fill your household linen needs should make a strong appeal. Not only do you save considerably in the spending of your Dollars, you also buy better grade merchandise now than later. Here are a few items worth your immediate attention:

**EXCEPTIONAL VALUES IN TABLE LINEN**  
Pure Linen Damask Table Linen will soon become a luxury—the scarcity of flax and war conditions are responsible. The British Government having forbidden the manufacture, except for war purposes.  
Pure Irish Linen Damask Napkins, full dinner size, in many choice designs. Per dozen, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$10.00 and \$11.00  
Pure Irish Linen Damask, size 72 x 72, at each \$8.00  
Pure Irish Linen Damask Table Cloths, size 72 x 90, each, \$6.50, \$8.50 and \$11.00  
Pure Irish Linen Damask Table Cloths, size 72 x 108, each, \$6.00, \$10.50, \$12.00, \$15.00  
Pure Irish Linen Damask Table Cloths, size 90 x 144, at each \$14.50  
These Cloths are very best Irish Damask and cannot be replaced.

**UNION LINEN DAMASK TABLE LINEN**  
Union Linen Damask is the next best thing to pure linen, and is within the reach of anyone.  
Union Linen Damask Napkins, in many dainty designs; size 22 x 22. Per dozen, \$3.50. Also 24 x 24, dozen \$4.50  
Union Linen Damask Cloths to match, size 72 x 72. Each, \$3.75 and \$4.50  
Union Linen Damask Cloths to match, size 72 x 90, at each \$4.50  
Union Linen Damask Cloths to match, size 72 x 108, at each \$5.50  
Also for Breakfast Cloths and Kitchen use.  
Heavy Weave Union Damask Cloths, size 68 x 90, at each \$2.50  
—Linen Section, In Basement

## INVESTIGATION OF MARCONI'S CHARGES

Washington, March 14.—Official advice from Rome say an official announcement concerning the recent speech of William Marconi making charges against the Italian High Commissioner and Military Mission in the United States has been published as follows:  
"The Minister of Foreign Affairs has confirmed his complete confidence in the High Commissioner, Count di Celler, Royal Ambassador to Washington, who already has been instructed to investigate the facts to which Senator Marconi referred in his recent speech."

"Another investigation of specific charges concerning the purchases of material for the Aviation department has been entrusted to Senator Cavazza." It is stated here that the purchases of material for the Italian service were made by persons connected in no way with the Embassy or Military Mission.

Nanaimo, March 14.—The jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Fred Milligan, who died on Sunday following severe burns received in an explosion of black powder at the works of the Canadian Explosives, Ltd., on the previous day, found that the cause of death was purely accidental.